

Vocabulary

Jobs: doctor / dentist / teacher / architect / accountant / engineer / chemist (BrE) / pharmacist (AmE) / psychologist / psychiatrist / optician / labourer / carpenter / builder / police officer / prison guard / paramedic / mechanic / scientist / secretary / farmer / journalist / programmer / IT technician / librarian / baker / butcher / vet / waiter/waitress / pilot / cleaner / zookeeper / graphic designer / taxi/bus/train driver / soldier / salesperson / chef

Places: clinic / surgery / hospital / office / building site / police/fire station / bakery / garage / laboratory / hair salon / farm / factory / school / to work from home / to commute

Hours: a nine-to-five job / a temporary job / a summer job / to work full-time / to work part-time / to work shifts / to work nights / to work overtime

Describing Jobs: well paid / badly paid / interesting / boring / challenging / physically demanding / creative / exciting / dangerous / rewarding / depressing / menial / tiring / monotonous

Payment: salary / wage / bonus / tip / to be paid hourly / to get the minimum wage / to get a pension / to claim unemployment benefit / to earn money / to pay tax

Types of Worker: freelancer / employee / contractor / temporary worker / self-employed / employer / boss / company owner

Employment Status: to be employed / to be self-employed / to be unemployed / to be out of work / to be between jobs / to be retired

Pair Discussion

Imagine you have just got the job of your dreams and you are starting next week. Describe what you are going to do, what you expect to do and why you are looking forward to it. Your partner should ask questions to find out more information. Alternatively, imagine that you've got a job you don't want to do but you are going to try it anyway. With your partner, take turns telling each other about your best and worst jobs.

* You can find a sample dialogue on the January-February 2018 CD.

Language for Describing Future Plans

I'm going to...	I hope to...
I plan to...	Hopefully I will...
I expect to...	Ideally I will...
I'd like to...	I'm looking forward to...

Personal Questions

- What does your mum/dad/sister/brother/uncle/aunt do? What does that involve?
- What are the positives about the job?
- What are the negatives?
- What kind of job would you like to do in the future? Why?

"My dad/mum is / works as / makes a living as / is employed as... / works in education / health care... He/She is responsible for... managing a team / helping customers / selling insurance... He/She has to... meet clients / inspect factories... He/She... looks after sick people / advises people with legal problems..."

"My dad/mum... travels all over the world / meets a lot of interesting people / has a long summer holiday / gets free meals in the company canteen / has a lot of independence in his/her work / gets paid a lot of money..."

"The job is... very stressful / quite badly paid / rather monotonous... My dad/mum... doesn't get much time off / has little chance of promotion / doesn't get on well with his/her colleagues / works in a dirty environment..."

"I'd like to be / become / work as... I believe the job is... I hope to be able to..."

Bridge

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