

Topic: Jobs

Let's get started...

Do you have a job? Do you like your job? Do you want a job?

Background:

There are many different kinds of jobs. For some jobs, you need a lot of education and experience; for other jobs, you don't need as much education or experience. Some jobs are in an office, and other jobs are outside. Some jobs have a work schedule that starts at 9:00am and end at 5:00pm; other jobs have a flexible schedule. In America, people often have many different jobs during their life.



In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:

Talk with a partner about your favorite job:

- What did you do?
- How many hours did you work?
- How far was your job from your house?
- How many years did you have this job?
- What was your favorite thing about this job?
- Do you want to do this job again? Why or why not?

Share your partner's answers with the group.



Discussion Questions:

How do people get a job in your native country?

When do people usually start working in your native country?

In your native country, do people write resumes to get a job?

In your native country, do people usually have the same career their entire life?

Have you ever had a job interview? What was it like? How did you feel?

What are some common questions in a job interview?

What question do you wish they would ask you in an interview?

Have you ever filled out a job application? What was it like? In your native country, is the application different from the ones in the U.S.?

Do you think applications have too many questions, or not enough questions?

Do you think an application and a resume tell enough about a person to determine if they would be good for the job?

Have you ever written a resume? What do you think bosses look for when reading a resume?

Have you ever gotten a job without filling out an application or giving the company a resume?

Do you have any future career goals?

Do you like your job now, or do you want to get a better job? What do you need to do to get a better job?

Do you want to go to school to get more training for your job?

Have you ever been late for work? What happened?

How many weeks of vacation does your company give you in your native country? In America?

At what age do people usually retire in your native country? In America?

In your native country, do you get any sick days? Do you get paid vacation days?

What do you think is the hardest part about getting a job?

Is it easy to find a job in your native country? Is it easy to find a job in the U.S.? In which country is it easier?

Does your native country have a minimum wage? If so, what is it? If not, do you think having a minimum wage is a good idea? What are some advantages and disadvantages to a minimum wage?

New words and Idioms:

Resume, application, interview, boss, retire, "sick days," "vacation days"