

Practice with your Skype Buddy

Below are the words and phrases covered in the materials. You will now have a chance to practise them with your Skype Buddy. Read each question before you meet your buddy. Make a quick plan for each topic question. Try to use the new words you have learnt.

Warm-Up Questions (Short answers)

- Tell me about the place you live in?
- How long have you lived there?
- What do you like about living there?
- Is there anything you would like to change about the place that you live?

Work Questions (Long answers – speak for 2 to 3 minutes)

Buddy A should answer all the questions before Buddy B has their turn.

Try to use these words when you answer the questions:

in charge of career salary collaborate lucrative promoted laid off work-life balance overtime
workload short-term contracts job security demanding experience position

- What skills are needed to get a good job these days?

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Draw a mind map before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarise) the points you heard.

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- Some people say it's better to work for yourself than be employed by a company. What's your view?

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- Which jobs do you think are the most valuable to society?

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- Do you think that women should be able to do the same jobs as men and vice versa?

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- Think of a question about work to ask your partner.

Role Play

Buddy A: You think that companies should be taxed more if they replace people with robots.

Buddy B: You think that companies should not be taxed for using robots.

Argue with your Buddy.

Reflection

Discuss how you thought your meeting went with your partner.

- Which questions did you find difficult?
- Did you manage to use all the vocabulary and speaking skills that you planned to use?
- What do you need to improve?

Arrange your next meeting.

