

A2.8 Work/Jobs

Useful Language:

- I often can work from home.
- Would you like to be self-employed?
- I work 'nine to five' in my job.

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Read about the people's jobs below. What do they say are the advantages of their jobs? Who do you think is happiest in their job?



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I work as an architect. And in this photo, you can see me on a building site looking at one of my buildings. I work for the local council, so I mostly design police stations and adult education centres. My job is quite creative and well-paid so I enjoy it.

Andy

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I work for an international computer company as a manager. I often can work from home, which is good for me as I have children.

Anne

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I have been a taxi driver for 30 years. It's good because I am my own boss. So I can choose the hours when I work and nobody tells me what to do. Fred



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I am a full-time housewife and mother at the moment. But I will probably return to a 'nine to five' job when they are older because I get bored. Sam



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I have just started working in an office. You can see me here on the left with my supervisor. It's a market research company and we collect information from the public for businesses and other organisations. My coworkers are usually friendly, but not on Monday mornings! Alan

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Discuss the questions in the box about work and jobs with your partner.

- *Do you have a job at the moment?*
- *What is your dream job?*
- *What would be the worst job in the world for you?*
- *Is 'nine to five' a good way to work? Why/why not?*
- *Would you like to work from home? Why/why not?*
- *What are the advantages and disadvantages?*
- *Would you like to be self-employed and be your own boss?*
- *Would you prefer a man or a woman as your boss? Why?*
- *When do people begin to work in your country?*
- *When do people retire in your country? Is it different for men and women? Should it be?*

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Put the possible benefits at work in order (1, 2, 3, 4) for *you* where: 1 = most important and 11 = least important. Then discuss your order with your partner.

Work: Discussion Points

What do you consider most/least important in a job?

- money
- prospect of promotion
- good working environment
- friendly boss
- a variety of work to do
- holidays
- perks (e.g. a company car)
- a challenge
- status
- friendly colleagues
- meeting new people

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Imagine your ideal job. Choose three things from the list above and explain why they are so important to you.

The first thing would be a friendly boss. I hate it if I have a bad relationship with my boss. I think it's very good ...

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*"Nothing will
work unless
you do."
Maya Angelou*