

Work Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:

What was the first job you had? How old were you? What did you have to do?

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you a hard worker? What motivates you to work?
2. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
3. If you could do one job, just for one day to learn what it is like, what would you do?
4. What qualities should a good boss have?
5. How many vacation days do workers in your country usually get per year? Is it enough?
6. How important is it to get along with co-workers? Is it a good idea to socialize with them outside work?
7. What do you think about *office romances*? Is it a good idea or a bad idea to date a co-worker? Why?
8. Are you an ambitious person? What career goals do you have?
9. What is the usual retirement age in your country? Should it change? What would be a more appropriate retirement age?
10. Which professions are very well-paid these days? Why does society value those workers highly?
11. Are there any jobs you think are not paid enough? Why doesn't society value those workers highly enough?
12. Do you know anyone that was fired from a job? What were the circumstances?
13. Do you know any *workaholics*? What makes them work so much?
14. Some companies use a flexible time system and employees can work hours that suit their lifestyles. What do you think about this?
15. Are there jobs that men do better than women do? How about vice versa?
16. Some jobs, like president of a country, are powerful, but come with a lot of responsibility. How do you handle responsibility? Do you want more?
17. If every job paid the same amount of money, which job would you prefer to do?
18. Are you looking for work these days? What is the *job market* like?
19. What are the best and worst things about not working?
20. If you are looking for work, where is the best place to look these days?
21. What is the atmosphere like at your workplace?
22. If you went to university, is your job related to the subjects you studied? If not, what was the point of going to university?
23. What is the dress code at your company? How strict is it?
24. Does your boss expect you to work *overtime*? How often does this happen?

