

1 Talking about jobs

Match the two parts of each sentence. Then discuss them with a partner. Add ideas and expressions like *and so on*, *and so forth*, and *etc.*

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| 1. Being a surgeon is very rewarding, <u>c</u> | a. even though there are few jobs in this field. |
| 2. Stockbrokers are under a lot of stress _____ | b. in order to fill all the jobs in construction. |
| 3. It's easy to get health-care jobs these days _____ | c. in spite of the long hours you have to work. |
| 4. Workers are being brought into the country _____ | d. so that you can set realistic goals. |
| 5. Plan your career in five-year blocks _____ | e. because of the shortage of nurses. |
| 6. More students are taking media studies, _____ | f. as a result of outsourcing to other countries. |
| 7. There are fewer telemarketing jobs _____ | g. due to all the competition in the field. |

“I imagine being a surgeon is rewarding, in spite of the long hours and the stress and so on.”

2 How many words can you think of?

A Add six words and expressions to each category, and compare with a partner.

Being famous		The environment	
in the headlines			

B Pair work Choose four items from each category to use in a conversation. How many different expressions can you remember to introduce what you say?

A I don't know if you've heard, but Angelina Jolie is in the headlines right now.

B Oh, yeah. What I heard was she recently . . .

3 What will life be like in 2030?

A Complete the sentences using the future continuous or future perfect.

- Hopefully, by 2030, people will be buying (buy) environment-friendly products, and we _____ (use) energy-saving gadgets, so we _____ (live) in a cleaner environment.
- Ideally, we _____ (stop) global warming by then. We _____ (not use) fuels like coal anymore. We _____ (discover) newer, cleaner, and more efficient fuels.
- By 2030, people _____ (eat) healthier food, and the number of obese people _____ (decrease).
- Because we _____ (live) longer, the percentage of older people in society _____ (rise) by then.

B Group work Discuss the sentences. Refer back to what people say, with expressions like *As you said*, *Like you were saying*, and *Going back to . . .* Add your opinions.

4 What if . . . ?



“I applied for an internship at a public relations company after college. At the end of my interview, they offered me a job. Now, twenty years later, I’m still there, and I’m vice president.”
– Alice



“I was bored with my job at the bank, so I saw a career counselor and took some personality tests. They showed I was creative! So I went into advertising, and I love it.”
– Martin



“I was going to major in math at college, but I got sick the first week and had to drop out. In the hospital, I got interested in nursing, and so now, here I am – a pediatric nurse.”
– Alfonso

A Read the comments above. How might these people’s lives have been different? Write sentences using *if* + the past perfect form and *would have*, *could have*, or *may / might have*.

If Alice hadn’t applied for an internship at that company, she wouldn’t have ended up working there.

B Pair work Tell about three big decisions you’ve made in life. Ask and answer hypothetical questions. If a question is difficult to answer, use an expression like *Good question*.

5 Check it out.

What do you know about your partner? Complete the sentences, adding tag questions. Then ask your partner.

1. You live in _____, don’t you ?
2. You’ve studied English for _____ years, _____ ?
3. You don’t like _____ music, _____ ?
4. You’re a _____, _____ ?
5. You went to _____ on vacation once, _____ ?

6 Any suggestions?

Complete the sentences using the passive of the present continuous or present perfect. Then role-play with a partner. Take turns making suggestions.

1. “We ’re being given (give) too much homework these days.”
2. “I _____ (ask) to do volunteer work, but I’m too busy.”
3. “I _____ (promote) at work, but I prefer my old job!”
4. “People _____ (lay off) at work recently. I’m worried because I _____ (pay) more than my co-workers.”

A *We’re being given too much homework these days.*

B *You could talk to your teacher about it, couldn’t you?*

Self-check

How sure are you about these areas?
Circle the percentages.

grammar

20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

vocabulary

20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

conversation strategies

20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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Study plan

What do you want to review?
Circle the lessons.

grammar

10A 10B 11A 11B 12A 12B

vocabulary

10A 10B 11A 11B 12A 12B

conversation strategies

10C 11C 12C