



JOB AND OCCUPATION

Discussion

Basic questions

1 At what age do people usually begin to work in your country?

**In my country, people begin to work at...*

2 At what age do people usually retire in your country?

**In my country, people usually retire at...*

3 At what age would you like to retire?

**I'd like to retire at the age of...*

4 Can you describe your current job?

**I can say that my current job is...*

5 What was your first job?

**My first job was...*

6 How many hours do employees have to work in your country?

**In my country, employees have to work...hours.*

- Do you ever work overtime?

**Yes, I sometimes work overtime. / No, I never work overtime.*

- If so, do you get paid more for overtime work?

**Yes, we do... / No, we don't...*

Extended questions

1 Do women usually work after they get married in your country?

**Yes, women usually work even after they get married.*

2 Do you think it is more important to make a lot of money or to enjoy your job?

**I think it is more important to...*

3 Do you think it is important to have a good relationship with your colleagues?

Why?

**Yes, I think it's important to have...because... / No, I don't think it's....*

4 What do you think is the secret to a successful career?

**I think the secret to a successful career is to....*



Vocabulary

1 Retire (/ri'taiə/)

(Verb) To withdraw from office, business, or active life, usually because of age.

Ex. He retired at the age of sixty.

2 Colleague (/kɔ'li:g/)

(Noun) A fellow worker or member of a staff, department, profession, etc.

Ex. After work, she went out with her colleagues.

3 Current (/ˈkʌrənt/)

(Adjective) New; present; most recent

Ex. I always want to watch news and be updated about current events.

4 Overtime (/ˈoʊvətaɪm/)

(Noun) Working time before or after one's regularly scheduled working hours; extra working time

Ex. The staff worked overtime because of the sudden bulk orders.

5 Career (/kə'riə/) (Noun)

An occupation or profession

Ex. He sought his career as a lawyer.

Grammar

1. Simple present tense

When to use: To express habits, general truths, repeated actions or unchanging situations, emotions and wishes. Form:

*For a singular subject in the sentence, we add "S" to the verb

Ex. She wakes up at 6am every morning to prepare for work.

***For plural subjects in the sentence, we don't add anything to the verb**

Ex. They wake up at 6am every morning to prepare for work.

For questions:

***For singular subject in the question, we use "does", we don't add anything to the verb**

Ex. Does she wake up at 6am to prepare for work?

***For plural subjects in the question, we use "do", we don't add anything to the verb**

Ex. Do they wake up at 6am to prepare for work?

Ex. 1. I go to my office at 8 o'clock every morning.

2. She answers phone calls in their office.

3. They have to speak English when their in the company.

4. My boss calls for a company meeting every once a month.

5. I finish my work every 5pm.

2. Used to + Verb

Used to + verb : used as an auxiliary to express habitual or accustomed actions, states, etc, taking place in the past but not continuing into the present. It uses -ed to show past tense.

Ex. I used to work as an accountant. (but now I'm not)

He used to live in London. (but he doesn't now)

My wife used to be a singer.

Idioms / Useful Expressions

1 eager beaver - an enthusiastic person who works very hard

Ex. She is an eager beaver and is certain to succeed in business.

2 walking papers - the letter or notice dismissing somebody from a job

Ex. Tom was given his walking papers this morning.

3 A foot in the door - to manage to enter an organization, business, etc. that could bring you success

Ex. I always wanted to work that company but it took me 3 years to get a foot in the door".