

Speaking about Work

48 mini-dialogues

What was your first job?

What is your job now? What do you like about it? What don't you like?

What do you do in your breaks?

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Is there a strict dress code?

Do you use what you learned at university?

What is the longest day you have ever worked?

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What don't you like about your job?

Do you get on well with your colleagues? Do you use formal or friendly 'you'?

Have you ever had a really awful manager or boss?

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Do you have good office parties? Tell me about your last office party.

What is your office like? What facilities are there?

What would you like to change in your workplace?

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Do you manage anyone? Are you usually satisfied with their work?

Are you allowed to use social networks at work?

What is the most days in a row you have worked?

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Do you prefer working with your hands or with your brain?

Have you ever been fired?

What was your most difficult job?

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What was your easiest job?

Have you ever quit a job?

Do you get paid overtime when you work extra hours?

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Is there more work at certain times of the month / year or is it quite steady?

Have you ever worked from home? Do you like it? What are the pros and cons?

What job(s) did you dream of doing when you were 16?

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Have you ever had a really badly-paid job?

Do you prefer to start work early in the morning or finish work late at night?

Can you 'switch off' from work in the evenings and at weekends?

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Are there any good 'perks' of your job? (free stuff, gym membership, food, trips etc)

Have you ever fired anybody?

Do you get on well with your manager? What about your boss?

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What sort of person do you need to be to do your job well?

Do you have to do a lot of paperwork?

Do you get a fixed salary? How often do you get paid? On what day? Cash or bank transfer? Bonuses?

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Do you have to go to many meetings? Do you like them?

Do you go on many business trips? Where to? Where do you stay? Do you like it?

Have you ever done an internship?

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Do you think you are better at your job than you were 3 years ago?

Do you sometimes go on training courses? Are they useful?

Do you have to pass exams to do your job?

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Did you get a pay rise last year?

Is it possible to get promoted in your company?

Compare your current job and your previous job. What was better? What was worse?

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