

Topic

**Conversation
for Intermediates**



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A photograph of three people at a construction site. On the left, a woman in a yellow safety vest and grey pants. In the center, a man in a white shirt and tan pants. On the right, a man in a blue suit, blue hard hat, and yellow safety vest, holding a large white sheet of paper. They are standing on a concrete platform with large concrete pillars in the background. A semi-transparent yellow rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "Describe the picture." in white.

Describe
the
picture.





Today's Topic

Jobs and Occupations

Jobs and occupations are the principal activities in your life that you do to earn money.



TARGET LANGUAGE

In this lesson, we will **talk about jobs and occupations:**

- learn words/expressions/phrases related to the topic;
- make sentences related to the topic;
- answer questions and share ideas related to the topic.

Key phrases:

big bucks
daily grind
top dog
happy hour
chicken feed

Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

1. I'm earning **big bucks** at my new job. I'll finally be able to afford that new car!

Q1. What kinds of jobs offer big bucks in your country?

Q2. What would you spend your money on if you were earning big bucks?



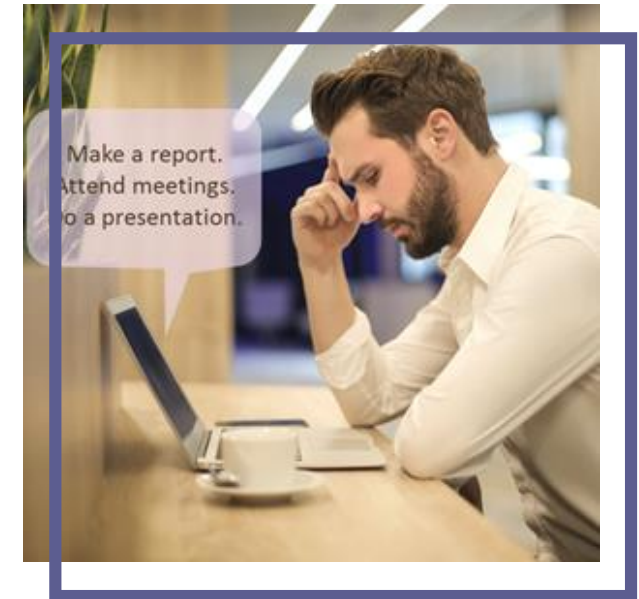
Key Sentences

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2. Brad has been doing the same job for thirty years. He's tired of the **daily grind**.

Q1. What is your daily grind composed of?

Q2. How do you manage your daily grind?



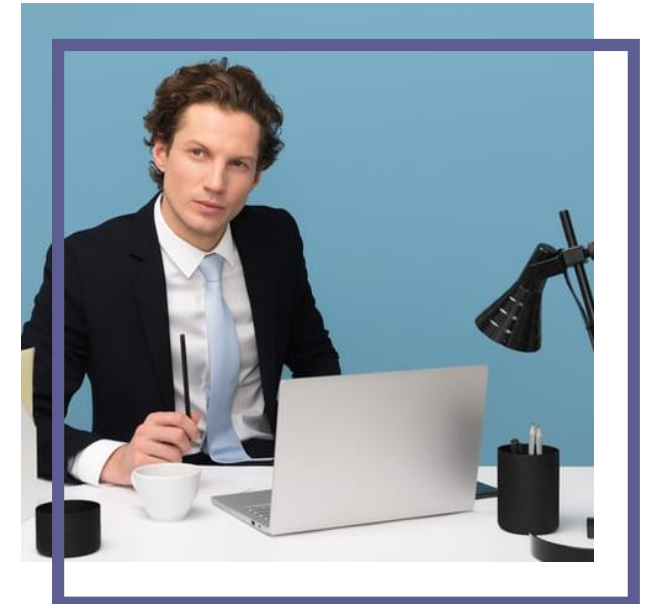
Key Sentences

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3. Carlos got promoted. Now he's a **top dog**!

Q1. Which top dog position in your company would you like to be promoted to? Why?

Q2. What should someone do to become a top dog?



Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

4. We usually go to the pub during **happy hour** because the drinks are 10% cheaper.

Q1. How often do you go to happy hour after work?

Q2. How does your company celebrate after completing a big project?



Key Sentences

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5. Before I got promoted, I was working for **chicken feed**!

Q1. Which would you rather have, a stress-free job but earns chickenfeed or a stressful job but earns big bucks?



Vocabulary

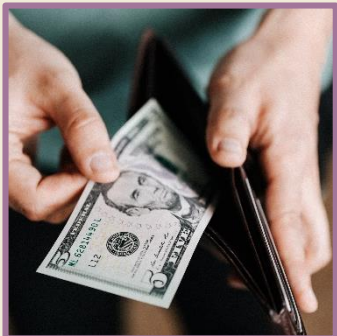
Sum up and make sentences with the words.



big bucks
large amount of money



daily grind
one's daily responsibilities, especially in a job.



chicken feed
a small amount of money

top dog
a person who is considered to have the dominant position or highest authority.



happy hour
period of time, usually in late afternoon and early evening, when a bar features drinks at reduced prices.



Vocabulary Check

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

happy hour

top dog

big bucks

daily grind

chicken feed

1. Her parents spent _____ on her studies.
2. I need a holiday as a relief from the _____.
3. I often go to _____ on weekends to release myself.
4. Before he became a _____, he was just a regular employee.
5. The cost of buying a new house isn't _____.

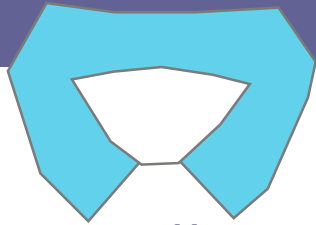
Review

Fill in the blanks with the given letter.

People these days work long hours that they often forget the importance of work-life balance. **T** 1 who earn **b** 2 often stay in the office at late hours because they have more responsibilities to do. Ordinary workers keep doing their **d** 3 even it is for **c** 4. They keep working because it is their only source of income. As a result, workers develop stress from this unhealthy working habits. So managing our time will help us attain a better work-life balance. After all, everyone wants to finish early and grab a drink at their favorite pubs during **h** 5.

Free Talk

Give the definitions and provide examples.

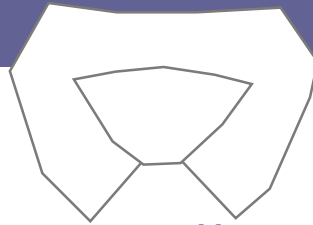


Blue-collar Job

Definition:
relating to jobs that
involve physical work

Example:

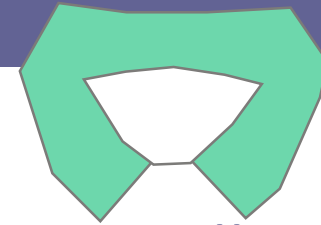
mining



White-collar Job

Definition: *(office)*

Example:



Green-collar Job

Definition: *(environment)*

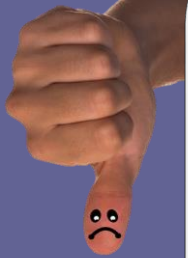
Example:

Q1. Which job gets the highest pay in your country?

Q2. What is your dream job? Why?

Free Talk

Read and share your opinions.



Negative effects of overworking

1. can lead to burnout
2. _____
3. _____



Ways to achieve work-life balance

1. manage your time
2. _____
3. _____

Q1. Do you think it is harder for men or women to achieve work-life balance? Why?