

Conversation Questions

Jobs & Occupations

- At what age do people usually begin to work in your country?
- At what age do people usually retire in your country?
- At what age would you like to retire?
 - What do you think you will do after you retire?
 - How much money do you think you need to retire with your lifestyle?
- Can you talk about what a typical day at your current job is like?
- Can you describe some of the people that you work with?
- Can you describe your current job?
- What was your first job?
- Do women usually work after they get married in your country?
- Do you ever work overtime?
 - If so, do you get paid more for overtime work?
- Do you have a part-time job? If so, what do you do?
- Do you have to attend a lot of meetings for your job?
- Do you have to do a lot of paperwork?
- Do you like your boss? Why or why not?
- Do you like your job? Why or why not?
- Do you think women are good bosses?
- Do you work on weekends?
- Have you ever been promoted?
- Have you ever taken any courses that specifically help you with the job you are doing now?
- How long have you been working at your present job?
- How many days a week do you work?
- How many times have you been promoted?
- How well do you get along with your boss?
- If you could own your own business, what would it be?
- If you had to choose between a satisfying job and a well-paid one, which would you choose?
 - What are some common jobs for men in your country?
 - What are some jobs that children do?
- What are some questions that are frequently asked in a job interview?
- What do you like most about that job?
- What do you think is the best job? What do you think is the worst?
- What do you think would be the most interesting job? The most boring?
- Which job are you best at?
- Which jobs do you think are the most prestigious?
- Who among the people you know has the most interesting job? What is it?

- Why did you leave your last job - did you resign or were you sacked?
- Would you be upset if your boss was a woman?
- Would you consider the military as a career choice? Why or why not?
- Would you consider yourself to be an ambitious person at work?
- Would you describe yourself as a workaholic?
- Would you like a job in which you traveled a lot?
- Would you like a job that required you to sit at a computer all day?
- Would you like to do the same job for the rest of your life?
- Would you like to work in an office? Why or why not?
- Would you rather be a doctor or a banker?
- Would you rather work inside or outside?

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- What other fields or work will that job make you qualified for?
 - What are the work details of that job; what will be your duties at that job?
 - What steps are required from you to become a/an...?
 - So, how long before you become a/an...; at what ages will you both start and finish this/each job/career?
 - What do you hope to spiritually gain from that job?
 - What do you wish to physically gain; what kind of things would you like to buy with your money?
 - How much money do you need to make to fulfill your dreams and desires?
 - If money weren't a problem for you, which job would you prefer to have?
 - Can you improve on the way things are now being done in the field you choose?
 - Which college courses are needed for you to be the very best in your field?
 - Which college courses are required for your dream job?
 - What other courses do you need to take so you can pursue your hobbies and personal interests?
 - Which of the classes mentioned above are you giving the highest priority? Why?
 - Who is the breadwinner (provider) in your family?
 - Who makes the most money in your family? (This may not be a "polite" question to ask.)
 - Is it common for people from your country to have one job for life?
 - Do you see any unfair labour practices in your country's workforce?
 - Do you have an after-school job?
 - Would you like to have a management position?
 - What are the pros and cons of being a manager?
 - What are the qualities a good boss should have?
 - What is a fair wage for the skills you have?
 - Are there any jobs which can only be done by one gender?
 - If so, what are they?
 - What are some jobs that some people think only one gender can do, but can be done by either gender?
 - What should you not do during a job interview?
 - Who would you hire a employee with a lot of experience or an employee with a lot of education?

- Have you ever worked?
- **Getting a Job**
 - Is it an indoor, or outdoor job?
 - Which do you think most people prefer, indoor or outdoor jobs?
 - Does your job pay a good salary?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages to your job?
 - Which do you think are some of the more demanding jobs?
 - Which are the least demanding jobs?
 - Which jobs are badly paid?
 - Which jobs are over-paid?
 - Which job are more popular than others, and why?
 - Is your job competitive?
 - What about promotions?
 - Is it too competitive?
 - How is your relationship with your co-workers?
 - Why would I choose you instead of the 50 others wanting this position?
- These were submitted as possible **job interview** questions.
 - What degrees do you have?
 - How much experience do you have?
 - Where have you worked?
 - Why did you choose this employment?
 - How much would you like to earn?
 - Have you ever worked in this field?
 - Where would you like to work? Why?
 - Why do you find your job interesting?

Slangs and idioms

- Nine to five job
- Good job / کارت خوب بود
- I'm paid peanuts / دستمزد کمی بهم میدند
- Working like a dog / سخت کار میکنم
- Giving the sack / اخراج کردن
- Self-employed / شغل آزاد
- My own boss / رئیس خود بودن