

FUMC ESL 5-13-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Announcement: This Monday and Thursday will be the last ESL classes until next fall (Sept 5th)

For those who live in Austin, we will have a Wednesday Discussion Class that meets each Wednesday in our classroom at 1300 Lavaca. We hope to see you there.

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell where you work, or where you last worked. Yesterday was Mother's Day. Tell something about your mother.

Vocabulary: Talking About Work

1-**What do you do?** This is how people ask what your job is. But you don't answer by saying, I do.....

You usually answer by saying, **I am....**

What do you do? I'm an engineer. I'm a doctor. I'm a student. I'm a pharmacist.

2-Or you answer, **I work in...**

You use this to describe the field of your work. EX: I work in instructional technology. I work in medical sales. I work in the aerospace industry. You can also use "work in" for a place. EX: I work in an office. I work in a meat market. I work in Paris. Or, the department you work in: EX: I work in the human resources department.

3-People might ask, "**What do you do for a living.**" This means what is your job that you get paid for. You answer the same as you do for "What do you do?"

4-You can talk about how people **make their living**. EX: She makes a living painting houses. Jack makes his living by selling used cars.

5-The "**workplace**" is a general term for where people work. EX: Conditions in the workplace must be sanitary. Have you ever spent time in a bad workplace? What kind of workplace would you NOT be able to tolerate?

6-If you work "**full-time**", you work 8 hours a **day** at least 5 days a week. In the U.S., a full-time job means at least 40 hours per week. If you work "part-time", you work less hours and/or less days. If you work overtime, you are working more than 40 hours a week. Professional positions (like salesmen, doctors, lawyers, clergy, teachers) usually do not pay overtime. Professionals work for a monthly salary. Most blue collar jobs do pay overtime because workers are paid an hourly wage.

Which is better, to be an hourly worker and get paid overtime, or to be a salaried worker?

7-**Manual labor** is physical work done by hand. If you do something **by hand**, you do it with your own hands. If something has been made by an individual, not in a factory, it is **hand-made**. Have you ever received a hand-made gift you really loved?

8-If you are **unemployed**, you don't have a job right now. You can also say, "I'm out of work." If you are **between jobs**, you don't have a job right now, but you are looking for a job. If you work for yourself, you are **self-employed**. EX: I am self-employed. I own a coffee shop.

9. If you do a good job, you might get a **promotion** or a **pay raise**. If you do a bad job, you might get **fired**. If your company is not making enough money, you might get **laid off**.

10. The **work force** includes all of the people who are available to work. EX: The U.S. has a very large work force, so we are able to manufacture machines very quickly.

Put the correct preposition in the blank.

1. I work _____ a company that manufactures washing machines.
2. I work _____ the electronics industry.
3. I work _____ special needs children.
4. I work _____ a downtown bank.
5. I work _____ the restaurant across the street.
6. She was working _____ her desk all day.
7. I spend most of my time working _____ the computer.
8. I'm working _____ the financial report for my company.
9. I couldn't get my computer _____ work this morning.
10. He works _____ nine to five every day.
11. I worked _____ a farm when I was young.
12. I prefer working _____ a woman boss.

Practice Speaking

1. What do you do? What field are you in? What is your position at your company?
2. When you were a child, what job did you want to have? (EX: many little boys want to be firemen or policemen)
3. What was your first job?
4. Did you work while you were in school?
5. What is the best job you have ever had? What is the worst job you have ever had?
6. Are there some jobs women are better at than men?
7. What is a job that you think would be fun?
8. What is your dream job?
9. Would you consider a career in the military?

10. How many vacation days do you get in your job?
11. Would you consider dating or marrying someone you worked with?
12. Which professions pay the most in your country?
13. Do you prefer working remotely or working in an office?
14. Is the job market good right now in your country?
15. Do people in your country work too hard or not hard enough?
16. What prevents you from getting the job you want?