

FUMC ESL 10-20-2025 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Do you work now? If not, what was your last job?

Discuss:

1. How old were you when you got your first job?
2. Is it easy to find a job in your country?
3. Did you "work your way through college"?
4. What is the best job you have ever had?
5. What is your dream job?
6. When do most people retire in your country?
7. Did your mother work when you were a child?
8. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
9. Who is most likely to be chosen for a job, a person with good experience, or a person with less experience, but more education?
10. What profession is the best paid in your country?
11. Are there professions that are overpaid?

Sandra: Your **application** looks good. But I can't hire you without some **references**. Have you worked for anyone in the U.S.?

Jan: No, I'm sorry. I just moved here last month. I have references from my job in Germany..

Sandra: That won't work. I need a reference from a U.S. company.

1. Why can't Sandra hire Jan?
2. What is Jan's problem?

Kelly: I see you have some **job openings** here. What **job skills** are you looking for?

Stan: We are looking for an **experienced** hair stylist. We need someone who can cut and color hair.

Kelly: I have those skills. I was a hair stylist in Poland.

Stan: That's good. Do you have a **license to practice** in Texas.

Kelly: No, I don't. But I can do the job. Can't you hire me without a license?

Stan: No, I'm sorry Kelly. We aren't allowed to hire you without that **certificate**. It's a state law.

1. What job skills is Stan looking for?
2. Does Kelly have those skills?
3. What doesn't Kelly have?
4. Why can't Stan hire Kelly without a license?

Deb: Your application looks good. And your references are good. I'd like you to **schedule an interview** with the store manager.

Lee: Sure. I could interview right now.

Deb: The manager isn't here right now. She'll be back this afternoon. Call around 4 and ask to **schedule an interview** for tomorrow.

1. What does Deb say about Lee's application and references?

2. What does Deb ask Lee to do?
3. Why can't Deb do it right now?

Kay: I am looking at the reference your former employer wrote. It says you were not always **punctual**. That is a big problem for me. Being punctual is a **requirement** for this job.

Linda: Yes, I was late a few times at my old job. But I can do better. I can be punctual.

1. What does Kay's reference say?
2. What is Linda's reply?
3. Do you think Linda will be punctual if she gets this job?
4. Would you hire Linda?

Ben: I saw the "Help Wanted" sign in the window. Do you still have job **openings**?

Sherry: Yes, we are looking for an **assistant** manager for our restaurant. Are you **interested** in that job?

Ben: Yes, I am. But I can only work **part-time**. I go to school in the mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I can be here by 1:30 on the days I have school. I can be here all day on the days I don't have school.

Sherry: I'm sorry, but we need a **full-time employee**. The assistant manager must be here all day every day to **supervise** the employees.

1. What did Ben see in the window?
2. What was the job opening?
3. Is Ben interested in the job?
4. What is the problem?
5. What are the hours of the restaurant?
6. Do you think Ben will get the job?

Mindy: What is the **salary** for this job?

Nel: We pay \$15.00 **per hour**, and **time and a half for overtime**.

Mindy: So, I'll make \$22.50 per hour for overtime work. That sounds good. I need the money.

Nel: Yes. And our employees work a lot of overtime because we are **short staffed** right now.

1. How much does the job pay?
2. How much will Mindy make for overtime?
3. Does Mindy want to work overtime?
4. Why are the employees working a lot of overtime?

Idioms: Read the sentence and tell the meaning of the idiom in bold.

1. We hired a painter to strip off the wallpaper and texture and paint the walls. She did a **bang up job!**
2. If you don't finish your education, you will end up in some **dead end job**.
3. My uncle **lined up a job** for me for the summer.