



Lesson 06: Working (live to work or work to live)


Before you start

- 1 Which of these statements do you agree with?
- 1 Work is the most important thing in life.
 - 2 Work is just a way to get money so you can do the things you enjoy.

Reading


2 Read what three people say about their jobs. Complete the chart with notes on the good and bad things about Anna's, Tony's, and Erika's jobs.

Anna, 18




'I work in a factory. My **working hours** are 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday. I have a one-hour **lunch break** at 12.30. The **routine** is the same every day. My job is very boring but the pay is quite good. My **colleagues** and I don't really talk to each other, but I have a lot of friends outside work. My job is just a way to earn money.'

Tony, 23



'I'm a computer programmer. I work a 40-hour week. We have **flexible hours** so I can start and finish when I want. If we are very busy then I work **overtime** - I get paid extra for this. There are always problems to solve. This can be difficult, but it can also be quite creative. I earn a good **salary**, but my job doesn't rule my life. I like to do different things in my free time.'

Erika, 25



'I'm a doctor in a large hospital. I work very long hours - 60 or 70 hours a week - often in the evenings and at weekends. The work is really interesting but it can also be quite stressful. I love my job and my **colleagues** are also my friends. I don't have time for a **social life**. When I get home, I'm too tired to do anything except have dinner and watch TV.'

	good things	bad things
Anna		
Tony		
Erika		

Vocabulary

- 3 Match the **highlighted** words in the quotes with the definitions (1-8).
- 1 the people you work with **colleagues**
 - 2 the number of hours in the week you spend doing your job **Working hours**
 - 3 the money you receive every month for the work you have done **salary**
 - 4 the things you do, usually with other people, outside work **Social life**
 - 5 the time you have for eating in the middle of the working day **Lunch break**
 - 6 the time you spend at work after your normal working hours **overtime**
 - 7 a system where you can choose when to start and finish work **Flexible hours**
 - 8 the usual order and way that you regularly do things **routine**

4 Complete the sentences (1-6) with an adjective from the box.

- boring ■ busy ■ difficult ■ creative
 ■ interesting ■ stressful

- 1 If we have too much work and not enough time, it can be quite **stressful**.
- 2 In my job, I use my imagination and ideas a lot, so the work is **creative**.
- 3 I do the same thing every day - my job is **boring**.
- 4 There is so much to do at work that I'm always **busy**.
- 5 Sometimes my job is **difficult**, but I would get bored if it was too easy.
- 6 My job is very **interesting** because I'm always learning new things.

Speaking

5 Work in pairs. Which of the jobs in Exercise 2 would you most like to have? Which would you least like to have? Tell your partner why.