

Money and Work

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Money and Work**.

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Warm-up: If you could have any job for a day, what would it be and why?

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
salary	A fixed regular payment received for work, usually paid monthly or annually.	<i>My salary is deposited into my account on the last working day of each month.</i>
freelance	To work independently, offering services to different clients without a long-term employer.	<i>She decided to freelance as a graphic designer after leaving her corporate job.</i>
promotion	An advancement to a higher position or rank, often with increased responsibilities and pay.	<i>After two years of hard work, he finally earned a promotion to team leader.</i>
budget	A plan that outlines expected income and expenses over a period of time.	<i>I created a monthly budget to make sure I could save for a vacation.</i>
entrepreneur	A person who starts and runs their own business, taking on financial risks.	<i>The young entrepreneur launched a tech startup that quickly attracted investors.</i>
commute	The regular travel between home and workplace.	<i>My daily commute takes about thirty minutes by train.</i>
benefits	Non-salary perks provided by an employer, such as health insurance or paid leave.	<i>The company's benefits package includes dental coverage and generous vacation days.</i>
job security	The likelihood that a person will keep their job without risk of unemployment.	<i>Many employees value job security more than a high salary.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 What is your current job or main source of income?
- 2 How do you usually get to work each day?
- 3 What do you like most about your salary or earnings?
- 4 Have you ever considered freelancing or working independently? Why or why not?
- 5 How do you manage your monthly budget to cover expenses?
- 6 What factors would make you consider changing jobs or seeking a promotion?
- 7 In your opinion, how important are employee benefits compared to a high salary?
- 8 How does job security affect people's career choices in your country?
- 9 Do you think the rise of the gig economy is changing the traditional concept of work? Explain.
- 10 Should governments intervene to ensure a living wage for all workers? Why or why not?

3 · Extension

Try this: Role-play: One student acts as an employee who wants a raise and better benefits, while another student plays the manager. The employee must present arguments, use at least three vocabulary words from the list, and negotiate a mutually acceptable outcome.