

To Work or Not To Work?

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Activity 1

Read the following questions and discuss them with your partner.

1. In your country, do people usually have a 'job for life' (the same job all their lives) or do people tend to change jobs quite frequently? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each type of job?
2. If you were so well-off that you didn't need to work, would you give up your job and stay at home the whole time or would you consider filling your time with charity and volunteer work?
3. Have you ever been unemployed or made redundant? What difficulties do you think people in such situations face?
4. Is it easy for young people to get jobs in your country these days? Why/not?
5. Do you think the level of unemployment in your country is acceptable? Why/not? What can be done to improve it?
6. Who should be responsible for finding new jobs for the unemployed - the government or the individual?
7. Does your country provide financial benefits for unemployed people? What are the advantages and disadvantages of being 'on the dole'?
8. Some people say that offering the unemployed generous unemployment benefits encourages laziness and doesn't motivate the jobless to go and find work. Do you agree with this? Why/not?

Activity 2

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1. According to recent studies who suffers more when they lose a job: young, middle-aged or older people?
2. In what ways do men and women's reactions to unemployment differ?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 3

Generous unemployment benefit would simply encourage people not to look for a new job.

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