

Activity 1

Discuss with your partner what you think the words below mean.

corruption bribes rewards corporate hospitality bonuses perks tips

Activity 2

Match the definitions below to the words in Activity 1.

1. The often lavish entertainment of customers, suppliers, etc. E.g: Taking important clients to a sporting event such as a football match or Formula 1 race and entertaining them generously.
2. A small quantity of money given to someone after they have served you in some way. E.g: a taxi driver, a hairdresser, a waiter.
3. A gift you receive for having done something especially well.
4. A gift which is offered in order to secure dishonest help or favouritism. E.g. Giving your teacher money to ensure that you pass the next English test!
5. Something your employer gives you as part of the job. E.g: a company car, health insurance, etc.
6. A quantity of money which is given to an employee for performing well at their job.
7. Using one's power or position dishonestly in order to benefit personally.

Activity 3

Read the following questions and use them to start a conversation with your partner.

1. Which areas do you think are the most corrupt (a) in your country (b) in other countries? E.g. Politics, education, construction, health, agriculture, the arms industry, transport, etc.
2. What are the effects of corruption on society?
3. Who is more to blame – the person who offers a bribe or the person who takes it?
4. Can corruption ever benefit a country?
5. How does corruption affect (a) people's lives in general (b) your life in particular?
6. What can be done to reduce or stop corruption?
7. How should corrupt officials be dealt with when they are found out?
8. Why are some countries more corrupt than others?
9. Is corruption more prevalent in democracies or autocracies? Why is this so?
10. What effect will globalisation have on corruption, do you think?
11. Is it OK to bribe children? Did your parents bribe you as a child?/Do you bribe your children?
12. Can corruption ever be wiped out or is it part of human nature?

Activity 4

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. What reasons are given for bribery and corruption occurring?
2. Which anti-corruption organisation is mentioned?
3. Two types of bribery are mentioned. What are they?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 5

'Making a stand against corruption is a waste of time – we should just learn to live with it.'

What do you think?

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