Work and jobs: conversation questions for English classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

What do you do? WORK AND JOBS · A1–A2 ENGLISHCUE.APP	Where do you work? WORK AND JOBS · A1–A2 ENGLISHCUE.APP
What time do you start and finish? WORK AND JOBS · A1–A2 ENGLISHCUE.APP	Do you work alone or in a team? WORK AND JOBS · A1–A2 ENGLISHCUE.APP
What do you do on a typical day? WORK AND JOBS · A1–A2 ENGLISHCUE.APP	Do you like your job? Why? WORK AND JOBS · A1–A2 ENGLISHCUE.APP
What was your first job? WORK AND JOBS · A1–A2 ENGLISHCUE.APP	What job did you want when you were a child? WORK AND JOBS · A1–A2 ENGLISHCUE.APP

B1–B2 · Intermediate

What do you like most and least about your job?

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How did you get your current job?

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Tell me about a difficult day at work and how you dealt with it.

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Would you rather work from home or in an office? Why?

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What makes someone a good manager?

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What skills do you need to do your job well?

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If money were not a problem, what work would you do?

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How do you see your career in five years?

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C1–C2 · Advanced

Is a job mainly a way to earn money or part of who you are?

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Would a four-day working week work in your industry? What would have to change?

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How should a company deal with an employee who is brilliant but difficult?

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Which parts of your job could a machine do, and which could it never do?

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Is it better to be a specialist or a generalist today?

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Should people be paid according to how hard the job is or how much value it creates?

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What have you learned at work that no course could have taught you?

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Looking back, which career decision would you make differently?

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Useful language

- I'm in charge of... / I'm responsible for...
- I deal with... / I report to...
- It's rewarding / demanding / repetitive.
- I work as a... / I work in...
- a deadline · a shift · overtime · a promotion
- I've been working there for...