

AROUND THE WORLD: WORKING ABROAD

TRAVEL CONVERSATION

SEMESTER 3, LESSON 002



TABLE TOPIC

Choose and discuss one of these interesting table topic questions in order to get warmed up for the lesson!

Table Topic:

What do you think about working abroad? What are the pros and cons?

Hypothetical Table Topic:

Imagine you are working abroad in a job field different from the one you are in now. Where would you be and what would you be doing?



IDIOM

Read and practice this useful idiom.
It's great to use with this topic!

dead-end job - a job in which there is little or no chance of career development and advancement into a higher paid position

I had to work **dead-end jobs** throughout high school and college. It was the worst...



USEFUL WORDS

Read and practice the vocabulary below.

desk job - a job working in an office

My **desk job** is a very secure job, but it quite boring sometimes.

gap year - a year that some young people take after school and before university

I need a break. I'm going to take a **gap year** to recover before going to university.

comfort zone - a situation or emotional area where one feels safe or at ease.

When I'm with my best friend, it's hard to get me out of my **comfort zone**.

fizzle out- to gradually end, often in a disappointing or weak way

When I first started my job, I loved it. But these days I'm starting to **fizzle out**.

nine-to-five - used in reference to typical hours of work in an office, often to express an idea of routine or predictability

I'm tired of the **nine-to-five** life. I'm going to get a job working abroad, that should make things more interesting!



GUIDED CONVERSATION

Use these questions as a guide for conversation. Splitting into small groups for conversation is advisable. The teacher will inquire to see what the students have learned post-conversation.

Have you or someone you know ever worked abroad? What was your experience like?

If you haven't worked abroad, why didn't you? Do you have any plans to do so in the future?

What's the best and worst thing about working abroad?

Have you ever met anyone working abroad in your own country? What kind of job was it?

What's the best job or country to work abroad in?

Have you ever taken a **gap year**?

Have you ever been out of your **comfort zone**? Tell us about it.

Have you ever experienced the feeling of **fizzling out**? Tell us about it.

Have you ever worked a **desk job**? What was your experience like?



ACTIVITY

Use this activity to practice the vocabulary and idioms you have learned so far!

Convince them

Students should sit across from a classmate. The teacher will secretly assign a foreign country, job, and hobby to each student. Students may ask yes or no questions to guess what each student was assigned by the teacher. The student(s) who guess their partner(s) assigned info in the least amount of questions win.



HOMework

**Homework! Daily practice is essential
for language learning.**

1 MINUTE PRESENTATION/SPEECH

Prepare to talk about your dream job in your dream country. Give a 1-minute speech presenting it (after the student is through, the teacher will quiz the other students about the speech so as to test their listening comprehension).



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