

9. Jobs

Most people in modern society spend more than eight hours a day working. Some are successful in their jobs, but most of them are under stress. Workers are classified into two groups; self-employed and employees. An interesting fact is that the self-employed envy the employees, and vice versa. The reason? People tend to exaggerate the others' benefits they don't have.

Businessmen seem to have greater satisfaction from their jobs than ordinary workers do. They have the power to decide things by themselves. That's why ordinary workers are envious of them. But businessmen must take responsibility for their decisions, and if something goes wrong they could go bankrupt. Every employee has a certain job responsibility, but if he does what he is expected to, he is usually exempt from bad consequences. He has a stable position. On the other hand, a competent worker may enjoy many promotions and raises, but still be at the mercy of the manipulation's of corporate executives. Who is happier is not the question. The important thing is that people must decide which category they should belong in by evaluating themselves honestly.

Comprehension

1. What advantage do businessmen have?
2. What disadvantage do workers have?
3. Which is better, being the employer or the employee?

Your opinion

1. Would you want to be a businessman or an employee?
2. Are you satisfied with your job?
3. Would you want your children to do your job?
4. What are your priorities in getting a job?
5. Would you take a night job if you will be paid better?
6. When do you feel like giving up your job?
7. Why don't you start your own business?
8. Do you have any idea of starting a new business?
9. What are the obstacles of starting your own business?

