

scrape through

take something in  
your stride

stand someone in  
good stead

half-hearted

be reliant on

make the best of  
something

close-knit

do networking

liaise

take someone on

set one's heart on

vouch for

have an impact

hand in your  
resignation

take no for a  
answer

main priority

against the odds

feasible

productive

part and parcel

tight deadlines

take advantage of

from all walks of  
life

take something  
personally

# Success

- How difficult is it to achieve success in your country?
- What helps people be successful?
- Do you know any high-flyers?
- Is success important to you?
- What part does luck play in success?
- Do you think you can teach someone to be successful?

working relationship	Build up rapport	satisfying
take the initiative	monotonous	
comprehensive healthcare provision		rewarding
meet a deadline	perks	dead-end job
stuck behind a desk	unsocial hours	benefits package
get salary increments	land a new job	seek a career in
holiday entitlement	master new skills	vocational work
	a cushy number	subsidized canteen
on a maternity leave	get priorities right	stuck in a rut
nine-to-five job	carve a niche for myself	
ambitious achievers	go freelance	
	get out of the rat race	
Realise your potential	get a foot in the door	
Overcome obstacles	to be at the top of the ladder	
build up a network of contacts	go from strength to strength	

## Jobs

- What is your dream job?
- What kind of jobs have you had?
- Are there many good job vacancies for you in your country?
- How many jobs do you think you'll have in your life?
- Are there any jobs you would refuse to do, regardless of the pay?
- What do you think the job of being an English teacher is like?
- Is being a housewife a job? Should women get paid for this?
- What are the toughest jobs in the world?

#### Interruption

- Sorry to stop you, but ...
- Is it okay if I jump in for a second?
- If I might add something...
- Can I throw my two cents in?
- Sorry to interrupt, but...
- Would you mind if I jumped in with an idea?
- Can I add something here?
- Could I make a suggestion?
- If I could put a word in here ..
- Sorry to butt in..

#### Collaboration/Negotiation/Disagreement

- Isn't it sometimes the case that...?
- That may well be so, but I wonder if...
- I would think that this is unlikely to hold true in all cases, but...
- Might it not be the case that...?
- It's impossible to be categorical about something like this, but...
- I'm not entirely convinced that would be true.
- How far would you regard that as feasible?
- It's difficult to give a «yes» or «no» answer, but...
- I have no hard and fast view on this, really, but...
- Have you considered the possibility that...?
- Yes, but on the other hand...
- I don't entirely agree. It seems to me that...
- I'm in two minds about that.
- I do see your point, but...

The Internet has no place in the classroom

Teaching is simply spreading knowledge

It takes practice to maintain discipline in a classroom

Talent is not a guarantee of success yet

Labour, which is pleasant to us, heals the grief

Financially disadvantaged background may prevent you from achieving success

You have to be calculating and brash in order to become successful