

Warm up:

# REALLY WEIRD REAR WHEELS



**LEAD IN:**

**VOCABULARY**


**Career moves**

**SAY WHAT MAKES FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL CAREER**


**A** These phrases (1–6) all include the word *career*. Match each of them to its correct meaning (a–f). Use a dictionary to help you.

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|---|----------------------|---|----|---|
| 1 | career move          | — | a) | chances to start/improve your career  |
| 2 | career break         | — | b) | ideas you have for your future career   |
| 3 | career plan          | — | c) | an action you take to progress in your career                                 |
| 4 | career opportunities | — | d) | a period of time away from your job to, for example, look after your children |
| 5 | career path          | — | e) | a series of levels or steps in your working life                              |
| 6 | career ladder        | — | f) | the direction your working life takes   |

**B**

 CD1.1–1.3 Listen to three people talking about their careers. Which person is at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of their career?

**C**

 CD1.1–1.3 Listen again. Which of the phrases with *career* in Exercise A does each person use? Which of the experiences do you think are common?

## **CD1 TRACK 1**

### **PERSON 1**

Well, for a long time, I think I was very ambitious – you know, wanting to get to the top and to earn as much money as possible. But then I decided that other things are more important. I recently decided to take a career break, so I'm travelling for a year and doing some unpaid work. I want to see something of the world and look at my options. Everyone at work says it's not a very good career move, but it's what I want to do. All my friends think I'm mad, but I think I have time. I'm only in my thirties, after all.

## **CD1 TRACK 2**

### **PERSON 2**

It's been very difficult, I think – to get a start without much experience, you know. It's the chicken-and-egg situation – you can't get a job without experience, and you can't get experience without a job. The career opportunities everybody talks about are not really happening for me. Maybe the problem is that I don't really have a career path in mind. I'm still not really sure what I want to do in the long term. I've done different things, but they don't seem to lead anywhere. I don't really know where I'm going. Studying at university made a lot of sense at the time, but now I'm not so sure. I don't feel very prepared for my working life.

## **CD1 TRACK 3**

### **PERSON 3**

Well, I suppose I always had a career plan, and for me it seems to have been successful. I first worked for the company part time when I was a student, part of a work placement, which I organised myself. I always wanted to work in this area and only really for one company. They offered me a full-time job, and then I worked my way up the career ladder from trader to associate to manager to director. I'm now a partner. Maybe it's a bit unusual these days to only work for one company, but for me it's all I wanted. It's only been 17 years, but I'm going to take early retirement next year and buy a boat.

**D**

Complete the sentences below with the verbs in the box. Use a dictionary to help you.

climb   decide   ~~have~~   make   offer   take

- 1 Employees in large multinationals .....*have*..... excellent career opportunities if they are willing to travel.
- 2 Some people **take** ..... a career break to do something adventurous like sailing round the world or going trekking in India.
- 3 One way to **make** ..... a career move is to join a small but rapidly growing company.
- 4 Certain companies .....**offer**..... career opportunities to the long-term unemployed or to people without formal qualifications.
- 5 Ambitious people often **decide** ..... on a career plan while they are still at university.
- 6 In some industries, it can take a long time to **climb** ..... the career ladder.

**E** Look at these groups of words. Cross out the noun or noun phrase in each group which doesn't go with the verb in *italics*.

1 *make* a fortune / progress / a living /  
~~a training course~~

2 *get* ~~progress~~ / a promotion / a bonus /  
fired (AmE) / the sack (BrE)

3 *earn* commission / ~~a part-time job~~ /  
money / 40,000 per year

4 *do* part-time work / ~~a mistake~~ /  
a nine-to-five job / your best

5 *take* ~~a pension~~ / an opportunity /  
time off / early retirement

6 *work* flexitime / anti-social hours /  
overtime / ~~an office job~~

**F**

**Complete each of these sentences with the appropriate form of a word partnership from Exercise E.**

**MAKE A FORTUNE**

1 In banking, you can ..... with the big bonuses and retire at 35.

**WORK FLEXITIME**

2 When you ....., you can arrange your own schedule, so this is very convenient when you have children.

**EARN COMMISSION**

3 People who work in sales often have the opportunity to ..... on top of a basic salary.

4 Luke is ambitious and does not want to be a sales assistant all his life. In fact, he hopes to ..... and become Assistant Manager very soon.

**GET A PROMOTION**

5 Many students ..... when they are at university because it fits in with their studies.

**DO PART-TIME WORK**

6 Goran is 59, but he does not want to ..... In fact, he is taking on more work!

**TAKE EARLY RETIREMENT**



# Exercises

## 7.1 Write questions with **Do ... ?** and **Does ... ?**

- 1 I like chocolate. How about you?
- 2 I play tennis. How about you?
- 3 You live near here. How about Lucy?
- 4 Tom plays tennis. How about his friends?
- 5 You speak English. How about your brother?
- 6 I do yoga every morning. How about you?
- 7 Sue goes away a lot. How about Paul?
- 8 I want to be famous. How about you?
- 9 You work hard. How about Anna?

*Do you like chocolate* .....

..... you .....

..... Lucy .....

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**7.2**

Make questions from these words + **do/does**. Put the words in the right order.

- 1 (where / live / your parents)
- 2 (you / early / always / get up)
- 3 (how often / TV / you / watch)
- 4 (you / want / what / for dinner)
- 5 (like / you / football)
- 6 (your brother / like / football)
- 7 (what / you / do / in your free time)
- 8 (your sister / work / where)
- 9 (breakfast / always / you / have)
- 10 (what / mean / this word)
- 11 (in winter / snow / it / here)
- 12 (go / usually / to bed / what time / you)
  
- 13 (how much / to phone New York / it / cost)
  
- 14 (you / for breakfast / have / usually / what)

*Where do your parents live*

*Do you always get up early*

## 8.3

Put the verb in the present continuous (**I am doing**) or the present simple (**I do**).

- 1 Excuse me, do you speak (you/speak) English?
- 2 'Where's Tom?' ' He's having (he/have) a shower.'
- 3 I don't watch (I/not/watch) TV very often.
- 4 Listen! Somebody ..... (sing).
- 5 Sarah is tired. .... (she/want) to go home now.
- 6 How often ..... (you/use) your car? Every day?
- 7 'Excuse me, but ..... (you/sit) in my seat.' 'Oh, I'm sorry.'
- 8 I'm sorry, ..... (I/not/understand). Can you speak more slowly?
- 9 It's late. .... (I/go) home now. ....  
(you/come) with me?
- 10 What time ..... (your father / finish) work every day?
- 11 You can turn off the radio. .... (I/not/listen) to it.
- 12 'Where's Paul?' 'In the kitchen. .... (he/cook) something.'
- 13 Mark ..... (not/usually/drive) to work. He  
..... (usually/walk).
- 14 Sue ..... (not/like) coffee. .... (she/prefer) tea.

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Complete the sentences.



4 Jack ..... (play)  
the piano very well.



5 ..... (I/go)  
now. Goodbye!



6 ..... (it/rain).  
Can I take this umbrella?



7 ..... (I/not/watch) TV very much.



8 Excuse me, ..... (we/look)  
for the museum.



9 What's this word? How  
..... (you/pronounce) it?



## Which is right?

- 1 ~~'Are you speaking / Do you speak English?' 'Yes, a little.'~~ (~~Do you speak is right~~)
- 2 Sometimes we're going / we go away at weekends.
- 3 It's a nice day today. The sun is shining / shines.
- 4 (*You meet Kate in the street.*) Hello, Kate. Where are you going / do you go?
- 5 How often are you going / do you go on holiday?
- 6 Emily is a writer. She's writing / She writes books for children.
- 7 I'm never reading / I never read newspapers.
- 8 'Where are Mark and Laura?' 'They're watching / They watch TV in the living room.'
- 9 Helen is in her office. She's talking / She talks to somebody.
- 10 What time are you usually having / do you usually have dinner?
- 11 Joe isn't at home at the moment. He's visiting / He visits some friends.
- 12 'Would you like some tea?' 'No, thank you. I'm not drinking / I don't drink tea.'