

Unit 5

Target Language

Obligation, necessity and permission

The world of work

1. Job Interview Simulation (Role-Play Task)

Main Task: Simulate a job interview with the student.

Sub-questions:

- Can you describe your most valuable skill and how it has helped you grow professionally?
- What would you consider your main weakness, and what have you done to improve it?
- Why do you think you're the right fit for this job? (anything related to their actual job)
- How could this job help you strengthen your career prospects?
- Describe a difficult situation at work and how you handled it.

2. Do you think physical work is harder than mental work? Which one is more exhausting, and why?

Sub-questions:

- Have you ever done both types of work? How did they compare?
- Which one do you find more rewarding?
- In your country, which type of work is more respected and should it be that way?
- Do you think either one should be better paid than the other?
- Which would you prefer long-term and why?

3. Talk about a career path, yours or someone else's, that you deeply admire.

Sub-questions:

- What challenges were faced along the way?
- How did this person manage to overcome setbacks?
- Did they follow a traditional route or do something unusual?
- Has their success inspired you to rethink your own goals?
- What habits or values helped them succeed?

4. In your opinion, what makes a workplace truly healthy and productive?

Sub-questions:

- What rules or values must be present in a good work culture?
- How can a toxic atmosphere develop, even if the work itself is interesting?
- Should workplaces prioritize employee mental health more?
- What's one change that would strengthen your current/imagined work environment?
- How important is flexibility compared to discipline?

5. Why is it important for all levels of staff, from interns to CEOs, to follow workplace rules?

Sub-questions:

- What could go wrong if rules are ignored by employees or managers?
- Can you think of a situation where breaking a rule might be justified?
- How do different cultures approach workplace hierarchy and authority?
- Should some people be given more freedom than others?
- What role does accountability play in workplace relationships?

6. Do you believe that “good people don’t follow bad rules”? Why or why not?

Sub-questions:

- Can you give an example of a rule that was harmful or outdated?
- Is a bad rule better than having no rule at all?
- Should rules be flexible depending on context, or should they be fixed like principles?
- Who should have the authority to change rules in a workplace?
- What risks do companies face if their rules are too rigid, or too loose?

7. Some say rebellion is necessary for teenagers to grow. Do you agree?

Sub-questions:

- How did you challenge authority or expectations as a teenager?
- Were those moments useful in shaping who you are now?
- Can rebellion be productive, or is it mostly disruptive?
- How should adults respond to rebellious behavior?
- Do schools and workplaces allow enough room for individual expression?

8. What’s your opinion on remote work, does it enhance productivity or weaken teamwork?

Sub-questions:

- What are the biggest challenges of working from home?
- Do you think remote work should be a right, a privilege, or optional?
- How has remote work reshaped the modern workplace?
- In what ways can remote work benefit the environment or society?
- Could too much flexibility weaken professional discipline?

9. Should teenagers be encouraged, or even required, to get summer jobs?

Sub-questions:

- What lessons can part-time jobs teach that schools can't?
- Can working too young harden a person before they're ready?
- Should families be allowed to forbid it, or should teens have the choice?
- What jobs are most suitable for young people?
- How does early work experience affect future career success?

Unit 6

Target Language

Defining relative clauses, non-defining relative clauses, causative passive with have and get

Relationships, describing people

1. Who is someone you truly look up to, and why?

Sub-questions:

- What qualities does this person have that you admire most?
- Has your admiration for them changed over time?
- Are they someone who influenced your decisions or goals?
- How is this person different from others you know?
- Do you think it's important to have someone you can look up to?

2. What do you believe is the key to a happy relationship or marriage?

Sub-questions:

- Has your opinion on this changed over time?
- What qualities make someone a good partner or friend?
- Do you think relationships today are different from those in the past?
- Is there such a thing as a "perfect" relationship?
- Can a relationship survive without trust or communication?

3. How important is it to have a good relationship with your colleagues?

Sub-questions:

- Do you think people you work with influence your mood or productivity?
- Can a workplace be considered healthy without friendship?
- Is it easy to build trust in professional environments?
- Have you ever had a colleague who was hard to deal with?
- Do you think remote work affects relationships between coworkers?

4. Why do you think rivalry between siblings is so common?

Sub-questions:

- Were you ever involved in sibling rivalry yourself?
- How can it affect people in adulthood?
- Do you think it's always negative?
- Is rivalry more common in certain families or cultures?
- Can it actually help siblings become stronger?

5. Who is someone you've seen go through significant personal changes?

Sub-questions:

- What kind of transformation did they experience?
- What triggered those changes?
- Were the changes for better or worse?
- How did it affect their personality or relationships?
- Is change something people can choose, or does it just happen?

6. What character traits do you find most valuable in a person?

Sub-questions:

- Which traits are considered essential in your culture?
- Which ones used to be admired but no longer are?
- Do you think honesty is always a positive trait?
- Can you think of someone who has a trait you wish you had?
- Do people change their traits over time, or do they stay the same?

7. Are there personality traits that were seen negatively in the past but are now valued or the opposite?

Sub-questions:

- For example, how do people view ambition, introversion, or assertiveness today?
- Was being independent once considered rude or selfish?
- Can you name a trait that used to be criticized but is now celebrated?
- What caused these shifts in values?
- Are these changes influenced by media or generational ideas?

8. How would you describe someone close to you, both in appearance and character?

Sub-questions:

- Do you focus more on physical traits or behavior when describing people?
- What is a characteristic that defines this person?
- Are people often misunderstood based on appearance?
- Is your personality similar to those you spend time with?
- Have your descriptions of people changed as you've matured?

9. Who is a person that has had a strong influence on your life?

Sub-questions:

- What did they do that impacted you?
- Did they influence your career, values, or lifestyle?
- Is influence always positive?
- Are there people who influence you without realizing it?
- Have you ever influenced someone else?

10. Do you think it's easy to get along with a flatmate?

Sub-questions:

- What are the biggest sources of conflict between flatmates?
- What qualities make someone easy to live with?
- Have you ever had a roommate you couldn't live with again?
- Is sharing a space with someone always stressful?
- Should personality types be considered when assigning roommates?

11. In your opinion, how are people shaped by the relationships around them?

Sub-questions:

- Have you ever changed because of someone close to you?
- Can people be shaped by their environment without realizing it?
- Are certain roles (like parent, sibling, friend) more influential than others?
- Is personality something that is formed socially?
- How much of who you are was influenced by others?