

Tiếng Anh cơ bản 2 - Tập 1: Cắt ngân sách

Tóm lược (Summary)

We meet Anna's co-workers at The Studio: Anna, Jonathan, Amelia, Kaveh, and Penelope. Rumors of budget cuts travel through the office. But who is going to get fired?

Chúng ta sẽ gặp Anna và đồng nghiệp của cô làm việc tại The Studio hôm nay. Họ là: Anna, Jonathan, Amelia, Kaveh và Penelope. Có tin đồn về việc cắt giảm ngân sách đang lan truyền khắp nơi. Nhưng ai sẽ là người bị cho sa thải đây?

Hội thoại (Conversation)

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Anna: Hum. Oh! “Important meeting. Everyone must come.” Well, back to work! And my boss has called a meeting. I **wonder** what it's about. Maybe we're all getting **raises**! Ooo, there's Jonathan! Maybe he knows.

Professor Bot: Hi! I'm Professor Bot! This video is all about work. People talk about jobs and things that happen at work. Your assignment is to find as many work words as you can. Don't worry, I'll help.

Anna: So, Jonathan, what do you think today's meeting is about? The **email** sounded important.

Jonathan: Well, I have heard people in the building talking about **budget cuts**.

Anna: Oh! Budget cuts? Wait, who has been talking about budget cuts?

Jonathan: Mark in **Accounting**.

Anna: Mark in Accounting? That's one person. That's not “people.”

Jonathan: I know, but Mark knows everything that **goes on** at The Studio.

Anna: That is true. But wait, look at us. We shouldn't **gossip**. That's how **rumors** start. We'll just go to the meeting and see what happens.

Jonathan: You're right. No more talk about budget cuts.

Amelia: Budget cuts? Oh no!

Amelia: I just heard Anna and Jonathan talking about budget cuts.

Kaveh: That must be what the meeting is about. When there are budget cuts, people **lose** their jobs.

Amelia: Not you. You're a good reporter.

Kaveh: And it's not you. You've done a great job as a **videographer**.

Amelia: I can't go back to being a **detective**. **Criminals scare** me!

Kaveh: And I can't go back to being a teacher! High school kids scare me!

Professor Bot: Did you hear any work words? They talked about a lot of jobs. You can make the name of a job by adding an ending to a verb! Kaveh reports, so, he's a reporter. Amelia used to detect, so she was a detective. If you teach, you're a teacher. And a videographer....uh, I think you understand. Back to the story.

Kaveh: Penelope, have you heard the news? Today's meeting is about budget cuts.

Penelope: That's awful! What should I do?

Kaveh: **Update** your **résumé**. I've already updated mine. I'll see you at the meeting.

Ms. Weaver: Hello everyone! Quiet, please. Quiet, please!

Ms. Weaver: This meeting won't take long. Then you can all leave.

Ms. Weaver: What is wrong with everyone? You look like I'm going to fire you. Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha! Seriously, what is wrong with everyone?

Anna: Excuse me, Ms. Weaver?

Ms. Weaver: Yes, Anna.

Anna: Well, everyone has been worrying about, you know ... We've been worrying that you are going to fire us!

Ms. Weaver: I'm not going to fire any of you! No! The reason for this meeting is to tell you what a good job you've been doing and give out new **assignments**. Budget cuts have been happening. But only one person has lost their job -- Mark in Accounting? Now, let's talk about those new assignments.

Professor Bot: Ms. Weaver's team is doing a good job! How did you do? Did you find all of the work words? Here's a list you can check.

boss meeting raises email budget cuts	Accounting gossip rumors lose reporter résumé	videographer detective teacher update fire assignment
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Từ ngữ mới (New Words)

accounting - *n.* the skill, system, or job of keeping the financial records of a business or person

assignment - *n.* a job or duty that is given to someone

boss - *n.* the person whose job is to tell other workers what to do

budget - *n.* an amount of money available for spending that is based on a plan for how it will be spent

calm - *adj.* not angry, upset, excited, etc.

criminal - *n.* a person who has committed a crime or who has been proved to be guilty of a crime by a court

detective - *n.* a police officer whose job is to find information about crimes that have occurred and to catch criminals

email - *n.* a system for sending messages from one computer to another computer

fire - *v.* to dismiss (someone) from a job

go on - *phrasal verb.* happen

gossip - *v.* to talk about the personal lives of other people

lose - *v.* to fail to keep or hold

raise - *n.* an increase in the amount of your pay

résumé - *n.* a short document describing your education, work history, etc., that you give an employer when you are applying for a job

rumor - *n.* information or a story that is passed from person to person but has not been proven to be true

scare - *v.* to cause (someone) to become afraid

update - *v.* to change (something) by including the most recent information

used to - *v.* used to say that something existed or repeatedly happened in the past but does not exist or happen now

videographer - *n.* a person who records images or events using a video camera

Sách lược học tập (Learning Strategy)

The learning strategy for this lesson is *Make Inferences*. That means making a guess based on what you know.

In the video, you hear Amelia tell Kaveh: "I just heard Anna and Jonathan talking about budget cuts. Kaveh *makes an inference* when he says, "That must

be what the meeting is about. When there are budget cuts, people lose their jobs."

As you learn English, you can use this strategy to help when you do not understand every word you hear or read. Making an inference means you guess, using what you do understand, about new words or expressions in English.

Bài kiểm tra Nghe (Listening Quiz)

1. What does Jonathan think will happen in the meeting?

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- A. Jonathan thinks the meeting is about Mark in Accounting.
- B. He thinks the boss will tell people not to spread rumors.
- C. Jonathan thinks the meeting is about budget cuts.
- D. He thinks the staff will gossip about the email.

2. What does Kaveh think will happen after the budget cuts?

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- A. Kaveh thinks that he will become a videographer.
- B. He thinks that Amelia will get another job.
- C. Kaveh thinks that the studio will close.
- D. He thinks that people will lose their jobs.

3. What does Ms. Weaver want to do at the meeting?

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- A. She wants to find out what they have been doing in their jobs.
- B. Ms. Weaver want to dance with Anna and the Studio team.

C. She wants to praise the team and give them new assignments.

D. Ms. Weaver wants to tell the team she is going to fire them

Grammar focus:

Review: Present Perfect (has/have + past participle) Present Perfect gives the idea of completion.

New: Present Perfect Continuous (has/have + been + ing verb)

Present Perfect Continuous sometimes focuses on something unfinished and how long something has been happening.

Topics: Agent Nouns, New occupations, Evaluating People's Activities

(Answer : 1.C, 2.D, 3.C, 4.A)
