



# ENGLISH

## Chapter 11 Session A

**5th**  
SECONDARY

**CAREER PATHS**  
Present Perfect Progressive



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## SPEAKING

### Signing up for a Course

**40** Bianca is calling a local college to find out about classes. Listen and complete the dialogue.



Good morning, Gourmand Culinary School, how may I help you?

Good morning, I'm calling to get information. I a \_\_\_\_\_ to call all morning, but the line has been busy.

I apologize for the delay. In order to help you better, could you tell me what you're interested in?

Well, I b \_\_\_\_\_ to gain a bit more confidence in the kitchen and thought that taking summer classes would be a good idea.

Excellent, so you c \_\_\_\_\_ for a short time then. In that case, perhaps our 'Begin with the Basics' course would suit you so as to provide you with the necessary essential skills.



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And what is the schedule for that one? I'd \_\_\_\_\_ in the mornings recently, so I'd prefer something later.

The classes are from 6 to 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting July 1st. It e \_\_\_\_\_ fast, but there are still two places available.

That sounds perfect. And can you tell me about the food we'll be cooking? The reason I'm asking is that I'm a vegetarian.

That's no problem at all. In fact, our instructor f \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian cuisine for a number of years now.

In that case, I'd definitely like to sign up for the July course, with a view to possibly carrying on in the future if all goes well. I g \_\_\_\_\_ to do something like this for ages.

## FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

### Expressing Purpose

I'm calling to ...

In order to ...

I've been looking to ...

So as to ...

The reason I'm *-ing* ...

For (exactly) that reason ...

With a view to ...

## Speaking Task

Prepare a dialogue between you and a friend.

### Step 1

**Think about  
a course you  
might like to  
take to learn a  
new skill.**



robotics class



dog training class



first aid class

## Speaking Task

Prepare a dialogue between you and a friend.

### Step 2

Think of the information you want about the course and what questions you would ask the place giving the course.

### Step 3

Work in pairs. Practice your dialogue.



# Australia's FIRE Movement

For most people, the idea of retiring in your 30s is purely a fantasy. But for members of Australia's FIRE movement, they're set on making this fantasy a reality. So what is FIRE exactly? Originally founded in the 1990s in the US, FIRE stands for **F**inancial **I**ndependence, **R**etire **E**arly, focusing on saving enough money in your 30s that you can be financially independent. Of course, this is easier said than done and achieving FIRE requires a lot of sacrifice. For example, typically a FIRE follower might spend 10-15 years focusing on saving. This might require having two jobs, renting cheap accommodation or living with parents, not going out for meals, shopping for everything second-hand, and not taking vacations. Ideally, by following a strict budget like this, a person can save at least 50% of their income, which can then be invested in the stock market or properties.

Primarily, FIRE is popular with millennials, people born in the 80s and early 90s, who say that their main priority is not being rich, but rather having more time and freedom when they're older. Some FIRE followers don't even want to retire, they just want the option to choose what work they do. And, with over 400,000 members on Australia's FIRE Reddit page and a popular newsletter and podcast, it's clear that this movement is gaining steam. Online, members share stories and strategies, and there is even a calculator to show you how close you are to achieving FIRE's magic number: savings of 25 times your annual expenses. For most people in Australia, this estimate comes to somewhere between 2 and 5 million Australian dollars.

FIRE is not without its critics, however, who claim that followers are overly optimistic. According to these critics, people need to save not just for retirement, but for unexpected life expenses like illness or disasters. What's more, saving 50% of your income is not realistic for people in many countries around the world, and even in Australia it's impossible to predict exactly how the cost of living might rise.







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Read and listen to the article and answer the questions below.

a What is the goal of FIRE's members?

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b What strategies do FIRE followers use to save money?

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**c** What evidence is there of FIRE's popularity in Australia?

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**d** Why is FIRE popular with millennials?

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e What are three criticisms of FIRE?

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**2** Do you think FIRE would work in your country? Why / Why not?

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**3** Would you follow the FIRE ideas if you thought it could work? Why / Why not?

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## VOCABULARY 2

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### Adjective + Noun Collocations

- 1** Use your dictionary to check the difference of meaning between the three nouns below.

job: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

work: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

career: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Match the adjectives in the box with the nouns below to make collocations.

academic dead-end decent distinguished  
extensive ideal physical professional  
promising rewarding steady unpaid

**a** \_\_\_\_\_

career

**b** \_\_\_\_\_

work

**c** \_\_\_\_\_

job



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Listen, check, and repeat.

**4** Complete the sentences using the collocations in activity 2. Add *a* or *an* when necessary.

- a** I would hate to work in \_\_\_\_\_  
with no chance for promotion. I would rather  
be unemployed.
- b** What would be your \_\_\_\_\_?  
For me, I've always dreamed of becoming  
an astronaut.



- c** Nowadays, it is very hard to find \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ with a guaranteed salary  
and the same number of hours every week.
- d** My sister has a really \_\_\_\_\_  
in advertising. She has only just started, but  
she might be made manager by the end of  
the year.
- e** Jennifer had always wanted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, working at the  
university as a researcher.

- 5 Complete the text using the present perfect or the present perfect progressive form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the progressive form when possible.

## Online University Preparation

Applying for universities can be stressful, but fortunately for you, we **a** \_\_\_\_\_ (help) people through this process since 2009. Whether you are a student who **b** \_\_\_\_\_ recently \_\_\_\_\_ (graduate), or a professional who **c** \_\_\_\_\_ (consider) returning to school, we can assist you in reaching your goals. In our 100% online training course, you will learn from experts who **d** \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in your shoes. For example, there are modules on writing application essays, helping you to notice what **e** \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) from your writing. Best of all, for the entire month of June, we **f** \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) our services for 50% off the regular price, so be sure to sign up before this deal ends. If you're not sure yet, just read below what the critics **g** \_\_\_\_\_ (say).



**6** Write questions in the present perfect or in the present perfect progressive using the prompts. Use the progressive form when possible.

**a** How long / you / study / English ?

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**b** You / make / any career plans / already ?

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**c** How long / you / study / at your current school ?

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**d** you / always / know / what job / you / want /  
in the future ?

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**e** you / spend / a lot of time / study / recently ?

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**7** Answer the questions in activity 6 so that they are true for you. Add any information you find interesting.

**a** \_\_\_\_\_

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**b** \_\_\_\_\_

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**c** \_\_\_\_\_

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**d** \_\_\_\_\_

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**e** \_\_\_\_\_

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