

SPEAKING MATERIAL

ENGLISH FILE UPPER-INTERMEDIATE- UNIT 9

VOCABULARY

A- Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: The annual board meeting is held in the head office in Edinburgh.

1. I'm going to the bank to discuss a loan to help me s_____ u_____ my new business.
2. Unfortunately, my brother had to close his café because it wasn't making a p_____.
3. We do b_____ with companies all over the world.
4. Let's m_____ the two companies - it will cost less to run as one large company.
5. What type of products does your company m_____ in this factory?
6. We've kept the business small but it's time now to e_____ into bigger markets.
7. It's a huge chain with over a thousand b_____ across the country.
8. OK, before we finish the meeting, is there any o_____ business?
9. Don't believe those adverts - their claims are totally m_____.
10. If we don't act soon, we'll be taken o_____ by a multinational company

B- Write the words in brackets with the correct prefix or suffix.

Example: a type of public transport that runs on a rail through the city (rail) = monorail

1. when something is impossible to damage (break) = _____
2. to say a word wrongly (pronounce) = _____
3. to sleep longer than you intended to (sleep) = _____
4. when there is a lot of something (abundant) = _____
5. not getting a high enough salary (paid) = _____
6. something that's already been paid for before you use it (paid) = _____
7. the result of making something better (improve) = _____
8. to think about others, i.e. how you can help them or how they might feel (thought) _____
9. the economic system run for private profit (capital) = _____
10. the area around where you live (neighbour) = _____

PICTURE DESCRIPTION

Talk about the following adverts with slogans.





You mean a woman can open it ?

MINI-PRESENTATION

Work in groups of three. Choose one of the topics given below. Then prepare a mini presentation by answering the questions given. You can take notes as you prepare your answer. The preparation is supposed to take one minute. Finally, talk for maximum 2 minutes about the given subject.

TOPIC 1

Describe a successful small business that you know. You should say:

- *what the business is*
- *where it is*
- *who runs the business and how you know about it*
- *why you think it is successful*

TOPIC 2

Describe an advertisement that persuaded you to buy a product. You should say:

- *what advertisement it was*
- *where you saw or heard it*
- *what was good about it*
- *why you think that ad attracted you to buy the product*

TOPIC 3

Describe a city you would like to visit. You should say:

- *where it is*
- *what the main attractions are*
- *how you know this place*
- *why you want to visit this place*

GROUP DISCUSSION

Work in groups of three or four students. Answer the questions given by taking turns.

1. Why do you think some people decide to set up their own business?
2. What are some of the dangers involved in starting a business?
3. Do you think it is so necessary to advertise your product to sell it?
4. Do you think advertisements should be strictly regulated?
5. Why do you think some people like to travel to other countries?
6. Do you think it is good or bad for countries to welcome tourists? Can you explain it with some examples?