



LET'S PRACTICE: CONVERSATION WITH AHMED

Me: Good morning, Ahmed. How are you?

Ahmed: Good morning, Mr Baba. I am fine. Thank you. And you?

Me: I am fine, too. Thanks.

Me: Ahmed ... We know that you are an architect. It is one of the most glamorous jobs in the society and we know that you love it so much. But do you think that the job of the craftsman is more important than the job of an architect?

Ahmed: No, I don't think so, sir Baba.

Me: Oh! You think that your job is more important than the job of the builder and the carpenter -for example-?

Ahmed: Yes, it is. When we want to construct a building we need builders, carpenters, plumbers and electricians as well. But the construction can't start without my plans. I design plans for every part of the building and I supervise the construction from start to finish.



Me: Ok! And how about other craftsmen like a hairdresser or a tailor ... don't you think that people need them more than they need an architect?

Ahmed: Ok ... look! Whenever I need a haircut, I go to the hairdresser. And when I need to alter my clothes I go to the tailor. Of course we need those craftsmen in the society, but do you really want to compare an architect to a hairdresser or a tailor!!!? It's not fair, sir Baba.

Me: No, of course! We are just trying to make a conversation in order to help our students. Please, don't take that personally, Ahmed.

Ahmed: No, not at all. I just think that I love my job fanatically.

Me: Yeah! I can see that. Your brother Mounir is a lawyer and he thinks that his job is less important than the job of the craftsman in the society! But it's ok.

May I ask you one more question, please?

Ahmed: yeah! Sure.

Me: Your brother, Mounir said a lawyer makes more than 150000Da a month. Does the architect make more or less than that? (Again .. we're just practicing English!!)

Ahmed: No, sir Baba. I can't answer that. I am sorry.

Me: It's ok! I understand. Thank you so much for your time, Ahmed.

It was pleasure talking to you.

HOME PRACTICE

Read / listen to the conversation and answer the following questions:

Q01: What does Ahmed do for a living?

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Q02: Does Ahmed think that the job of the builder is more important than his job as an architect? Why?

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Q03: Does Ahmed think that the job of the hairdresser is important in the society?

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Q04: Does Ahmed love his job fanatically?

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Q05: Was Ahmed nice in this conversation? Justify.

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