

Every child in my country is required to attend school, and every child is welcome to enroll at his/her local public school. Some families choose to send their children to other schools, and it is their prerogative to do so. However, the public schools are used by the majority of our children and must remain open for everyone. For example, my uncle sent his two children to a private academy for primary school. Then he lost a huge amount of money through some poor investments and he could no longer afford the private school's tuition. The children easily transferred to their local public school and liked it even more than their academy. The public schools supported their family when they had no money to educate their children.

Because the public schools educate so many citizens, everyone in my country—whether a parent or not—should pay taxes to support our educational system. We all benefit from the education that students receive in public school. Our future doctors, firefighters, and teachers—people whom we rely on every day—are educated in local public schools. When a person is in trouble, it's reassuring to know that those who will help you—such as firefighters—know what they're doing because they received good training in school and later. Providing an excellent education in the public school system is vital to the strength of our community and our country.

Our government must offer the best education available, but it can only do so with the financial assistance of all its citizens. Therefore, everyone—including families who do not send their children to public school—should support public education by paying taxes.

## Speaking

### Part 1

*Do you have a job? Do you like it? Why or why not?*

Yes, I have a job. I work as an enrollment manager for a university. I recruit new students into the program. I like it a lot because I can help people, and I get to meet a lot of new and interesting people. Also I have the opportunity to travel a lot.

*Why did you choose this job?*

I chose this job because I enjoy travel, and I like meeting people. I have to travel at least 25 percent of the time for my job. I am always talking to people, e-mailing them, or writing articles about our university. It's really interesting.

*What kind of education or training did you need to get this job?*

I have my MBA (Masters in Business Administration) and that's the same program that I recruit students into. So, having that education really helped me to get this job, because I know what the students need to succeed in our program. Also, I've taken courses in public speaking so I'm comfortable giving presentations about our university.

*Describe an activity you enjoy doing in your free time.*

One of my favorite free time activities is painting with watercolors. I especially like to paint outdoor scenes, so when the weather is nice, I go outside and paint.

*How long have you been doing this activity? How did you learn it?*

I've been painting since I was in high school. I learned how to use watercolors in one of my classes and I really liked it and I've been painting ever since. Sometimes I take a painting class at the local community center, but mostly I learn by doing.