

# Conversation Prompts – Work and Business

## 1. Daily Work Life

**Prompt:** Describe your current job or a job you've had in the past. What does a typical workday look like for you?

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "I'm responsible for..." / "My main duties include..."
  - "On a typical day, I usually..."
  - Job-related verbs: manage, handle, deal with, oversee
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## 2. Dream Job Qualities

**Prompt:** What would your ideal job be like? What factors are most important to you when choosing a career?

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "I value..." / "What matters most to me is..."
  - "I'd prefer to work..." (remotely, in a team, independently)
  - Work benefits: flexible schedule, good salary, job security, career growth
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## 3. Career Development

**Prompt:** Have you ever changed careers or considered switching jobs? What motivates people to change their career path?

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "I've been thinking about..." / "I'm considering..."
  - Career change reasons: seek new challenges, better opportunities, work-life balance
  - "It takes courage to..." / "The main obstacle would be..."
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#### 4. Workplace Relationships

**Prompt:** How important are good relationships with colleagues? Describe the best boss or coworker you've ever had.

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "A good manager should..." / "The ideal colleague is someone who..."
  - Personality traits: supportive, reliable, approachable, inspiring
  - "We see eye to eye on..." / "There's good chemistry between..."
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#### 5. Work-Life Balance Debate

**Prompt:** Some people live to work, while others work to live. Which approach do you think is better? How do you maintain balance?

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "I tend to prioritize..." / "I believe in..."
  - "On one hand... on the other hand..."
  - Balance strategies: set boundaries, disconnect after hours, make time for hobbies
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#### 6. Technology in the Workplace

**Prompt:** How has technology changed the way we work? Discuss both the advantages and disadvantages of working with modern technology.

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "Technology has revolutionized..." / "The impact of digitalization..."
  - "While it's convenient... it can also lead to..."
  - Tech terms: automation, artificial intelligence, remote collaboration, digital tools
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#### 7. Entrepreneurship vs. Employment

**Prompt:** Would you rather be an employee or start your own business? What are the pros and cons of being an entrepreneur?

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "I'd rather..." / "I'm more inclined to..."
- "Being self-employed means..." / "Running a business involves..."
- Business terms: take risks, financial stability, be your own boss, startup costs

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## 8. Leadership and Management

**Prompt:** What makes a good leader? Compare different management styles and discuss which approach works best in various situations.

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "An effective leader should..." / "Leadership requires..."
- Management styles: democratic, authoritative, hands-off, micromanaging
- "It depends on the situation..." / "In some cases... while in others..."

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## 9. Global Business Culture

**Prompt:** How do business practices differ across cultures? What challenges might companies face when expanding internationally?

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "Cultural differences include..." / "When doing business abroad..."
- "Companies need to adapt to..." / "It's crucial to understand..."
- Global terms: cultural sensitivity, local customs, international markets, cross-cultural communication

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## 10. Future of Work

**Prompt:** How do you think the workplace will evolve in the next 20 years? What skills will be most valuable for future professionals?

**Key vocabulary/expressions:**

- "I predict that..." / "In the coming decades..."
- "The trend toward..." / "We're likely to see..."
- Future skills: adaptability, critical thinking, emotional intelligence, digital literacy

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Each prompt encourages students to express opinions, share experiences, and practice different grammatical structures while building confidence in discussing professional topics.