

What do you think?

COMMUNICATION

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Lower-intermediate	EN_BE_2122X	English



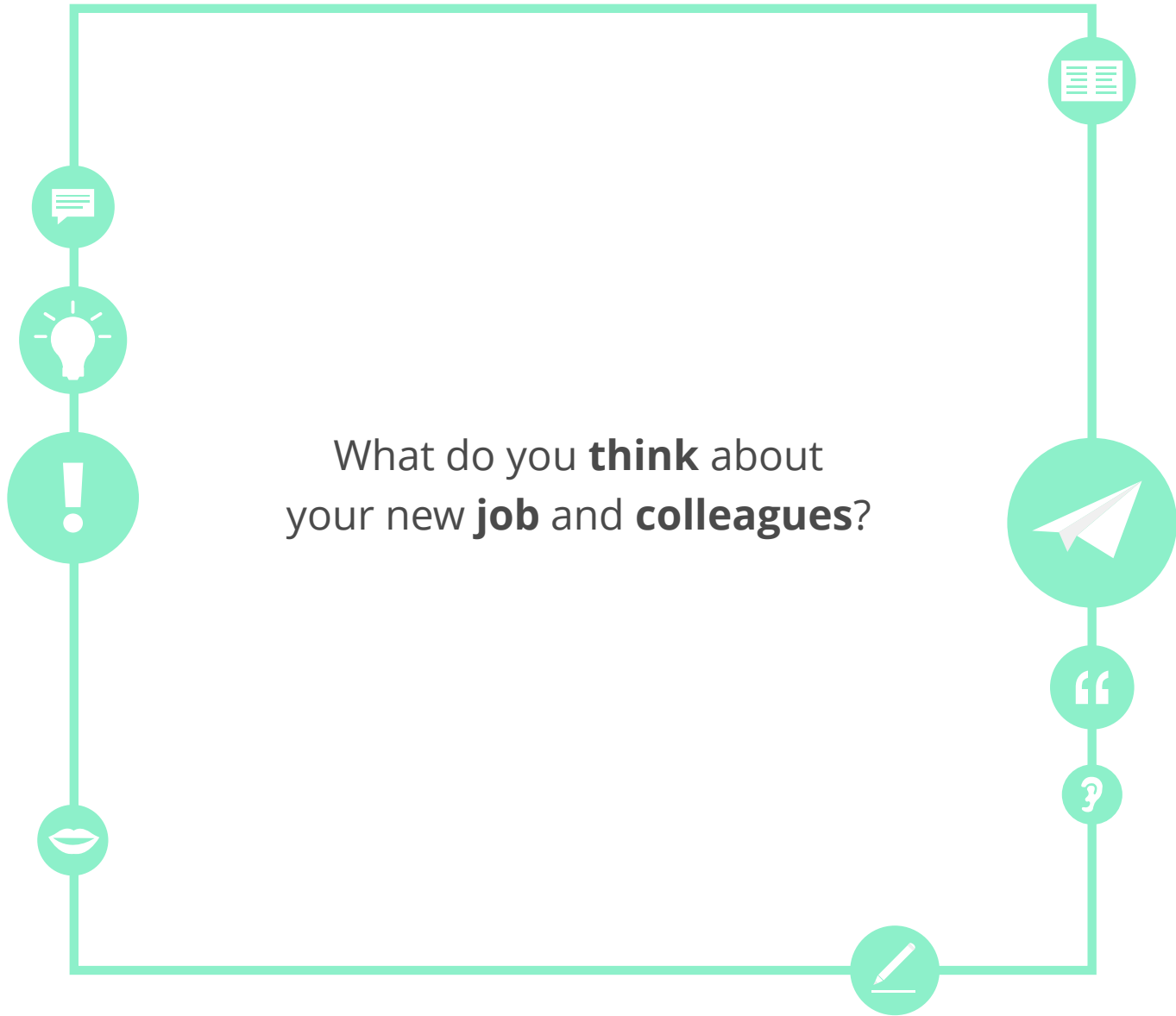


Goals

- Can talk about giving and asking for opinions.
- Can use simple phrases to give preferences to suggestions.



What do you **think** about
your new **job** and **colleagues**?





Preview and warm up

In this lesson you are going to learn how to give **opinions** and **preferences**.



I **think** that he is quite lazy sometimes.

I think

We use **I think** to express an opinion with some previous knowledge.



I think that these numbers are correct.

I feel

We use **I feel** when the opinion is more personal.



I feel this report could be better.

I believe

I'd say that

We use **I believe** when we assume something to be true.

We use **I'd say that** to express an opinion that we are less certain of.



I believe he works in finance now.



I'd say that your solution works well.



Sentence examples



I **believe** he works at a different company.

He **thinks** that design is perfect.



I **feel** we should do this differently.

I'd **say** that you are perfect for this job.





Multiple choice questions

1. Which phrase would we use to express something more personal?

a. I think

b. I feel

c. I'd say that

d. I believe

2. Which phrase would we use to express an assumed opinion?

a. I think

b. I feel

c. I'd say that

d. I believe

3. Which phrase would we use to express an opinion you are not so sure of?

a. I think

b. I feel

c. I'd say that

d. I believe

4. Which phrase would we use if we have some previous knowledge?

a. I think

b. I feel

c. I'd say that

d. I believe



Your office

What do you think
about your office?

What does it need
more of, would you
say ?

How do you feel
about your office's
decoration?

What do you believe
is important for a
good office?



Speaking



What does this worker think about his job?

How does his boss feel about him?



Writing

Imagine your boss is organising a meeting to discuss a colleague in your team who does not want to help you at work.

Prepare some notes to take to your meeting. Then act it out with your teacher.

I think that

I feel that



in my opinion

in my view

Both these phrases present an opinion that clearly belongs to you.



In my opinion, our boss is very helpful.

In my view, the project is going well.



New words

to be honest

To be honest, this meeting has not been very useful.

the way I see it

The way I see it, we need to improve our communication.

personally

Personally, I never enjoyed working with him!

**from my point
of view**

From my point of view, her boss is a very difficult man.



Sentences



To be honest, I don't like my new laptop.

For me **personally** this meeting has been useful.



The result is clear **from my point of view**.

The way I see it, a work life balance is essential.





Discuss each of these statements using opinion phrases

Working at home is
the future.

Doing my job without
a computer is
impossible.

I work well in a team.

I like all of my
colleagues.



Describe the pictures

**How do you think the members in each team feel?
Give your opinion to a partner or your teacher.**





Imagine this is one of your colleagues

**Share your opinion of her
with a partner**



I'd prefer

I'd rather

We use both of these expressions to show a preference for one thing over another.



I'd prefer to work in a team than by myself.



We'd rather have the meeting tomorrow.



I'd prefer vs I'd rather



- Notice that the phrase **I'd prefer** is followed by a verb in the **infinitive** form.

- I'd prefer **to go** to the meeting.

- He'd prefer **to see** the presentation before.

- I'd rather **go** to the conference.

- She'd rather **see** the document before you.



- The phrase **I'd rather** is followed by an infinitive but **without to**.



Would you rather...

have a well paid
job or a fun job?

have lots of
contacts or only a
few close ones?

travel a lot for
work or stay at the
office?

work in a large
team or a small
one?

have a laptop or
desktop
computer?

see your boss
every day or never
see them?



Discuss with a partner

**Which team
member would
you prefer to
work with?**



John



Kirsty

what about you?

what do you think?

We can use these phrases to **ask** someone for **their opinion or preference** after we give ours.



Personally, I really don't enjoy working with him. **What about you?**



I'd prefer to do the meeting tomorrow. But **what do you think?**



Imagine you and a partner...

...are the two HR managers in your company and you are deciding between three good candidates who came to an interview. Act out the discussion with your partner.

- Remember to use plenty of opinion phrases.
- Be sure to ask for the other HR manager's opinion.



- Ask your teacher for help if you need ways to describe the candidates.





Write a summary of your discussion

You now need to inform the Head of HR of your decision. Write a brief email to them explaining which candidate you prefer and why.

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To: headofhr@company.com

Subject: Final decision on candidates

Dear Tony,

We'd like to tell you our decision about the candidates.

We'd prefer to....



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

First activity, p9
1) B
2) D
3) C
4) A





Complete the sentences

Fill in the missing vowels in the following sentences.

1. _ n my _p_n__ n, working in a team is great.

2. Th_ w_y _s __ _t, we have no other option/

3. He's not very nice, t_ b_ h_n_st.

4. P_rs_n_lly, I think it's a bad idea.



Homework writing

Write 150- 200 words giving your opinion on people you work with and who you prefer to work with and why.

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Homework answer key

- Exercise 1, p.30**
1. In my opinion
 2. The way I see it
 3. To be honest
 4. Personally



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