A conversation about my role in the company

SPEAKING

LEVEL Lower-intermediate

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Goals

- Can engage in conversation about roles and tasks at work.
- Can distinguish between prepositions and adverbs of place and time.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, we will be talking about **roles** and **tasks in a company** in an extended way.



I arrive at work early in the morning.



team

colleague



easy

Easter





Pronunciation

team

colleague

easy

Easter

The letters ea in these words are pronounced as a long e sound.



see

agree





feel

meeting





Pronunciation

see

agree

feel

meeting

The letters ee in these words are also pronounced as a long e sound.



piece

movie





field

niece





Pronunciation

piece

movie

field

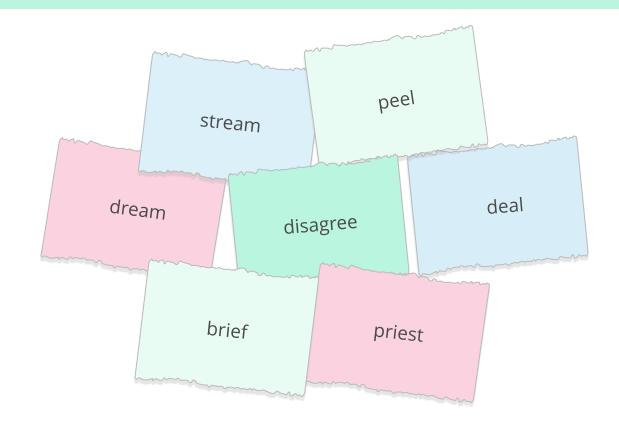
niece

The letters *ie* in these words are also pronounced as a long *e* sound.



Pronunciation

Practise pronouncing the following words. Your teacher will correct your pronunciation.







manager

boss

worker

in



to report to

responsible for

at

on



to give a presentation

to answer

to make a decision

to prepare



to make a phone call

to print

to have a meeting

to send an email



Sentence examples



I report to my manager, he tells me what to do at work.

We have a marketing meeting every week, on Mondays at 10.00 am.





My boss left the report on your desk.

At our company, it's very fair, all the workers can help make decisions.





Example sentences



Will you send him an email in the morning? We need to answer him!

Can you print a document for me?





She doesn't like making phone calls.

I need to prepare a PowerPoint before I give the presentation tomorrow!





Read the dialogue





Welcome to FashionForward, Sam. I'm Jane, Head of HR. Let me introduce you to your team.

Yes, they are! This is Mandy, she is your manager. She is responsible for our social media. She sits at that desk.

That's Peter, Mandy's boss. He's in charge of all of our marketing. He's a really nice guy!

Ok, great! Are all my team on this floor?

Pleased to meet you, Mandy. And who is the gentleman sitting in the office over there?





Now imagine the Head of HR at your company is introducing a new person to you and your team at work. Act out the dialogue, using p.19 to help you.







Agree or disagree with your classmates' opinions



A good manager needs to be...



Categorise

Match the phrase with the correct time preposition.

... Wednesdays ... the morning ... 2012 ... June ... two weeks ... Tuesday ... Easter ... 5pm ... Christmas ... 5th March ... the evening ... summer in at on



When were you born?

When do you receive presents and buy a tree?

When is it hottest in your country?

When is it coldest in your country?

When did you start working for your company?

When are you next going on holiday?



Look at the pictures

What is happening in each of these pictures?











What do you think?

Write a short opinion about each of these tasks at work.

Making phone calls...





Giving presentations...

Having meetings...





Writing emails...



Now share your opinions on the tasks with a partner. They must either agree or disagree with your opinion and then give theirs.

I don't like writing emails, it's so difficult.

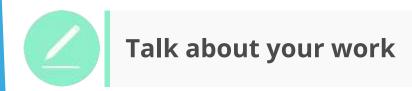




Neither do I, it's a lot of work!

Student A: Gives their opinion.

Student B: Agrees or disagrees and then gives their opinion.





What is a typical week at work for you?



Look at the following agendas

9am – meeting with HR director
(Meeting Room 4)

10am – phone call w/ China

12 – lunch, Japanese place

2pm – presentation on company
results (Meeting Room 5)

4pm - gym

9.30am – prepare for meeting
with boss

10am – update meeting with boss
(his office)

1 – lunch at French rest.

2pm – answer emails
4pm – team meeting

8.30am – phone call w/Japan 9.30am – meeting with Sales (Room Rio de Janeiro) 11am – presentation (Room London) 12.30pm – lunch Afternoon - off

9am – flight to Frankfurt 11 am – meeting, HQ 1 pm – lunch with investors 2 pm – phone call with France (airport lounge) 5.30 pm – flight back to London



Imagine you are...

...a personal assistant and the agenda you chose on the previous page is your boss' agenda for tomorrow. Explain their agenda to him or her.

- Be sure to include details of times and places with the correct prepositions.
- Your teacher will play your boss.







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.





Reflect on this lesson

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





Answer key

- 12. on Wednesdays
 - 11. on 5th March
 - 10. on Tuesday
 - 9. in Summer
 - 8. in the evening
 - 7. in two weeks
 - 5. in 2012
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- 4. in the morning
 - 3. at Christmas
 - 2. at Easter
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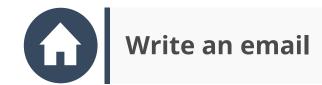


Homework ranking activity

How often do you do each of these tasks? Put them in order from most frequent to least frequent.







Imagine it was your first week at your current job. Write an email to an old colleague telling them about your new job and new colleagues.

To: friend@mail.com Subject: New job! New team! Dear Sam, This was my first week at my new job. Everyone is so nice! In my team, there are four of us....

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