

Education and Career

Conversation Club — Lesson 11

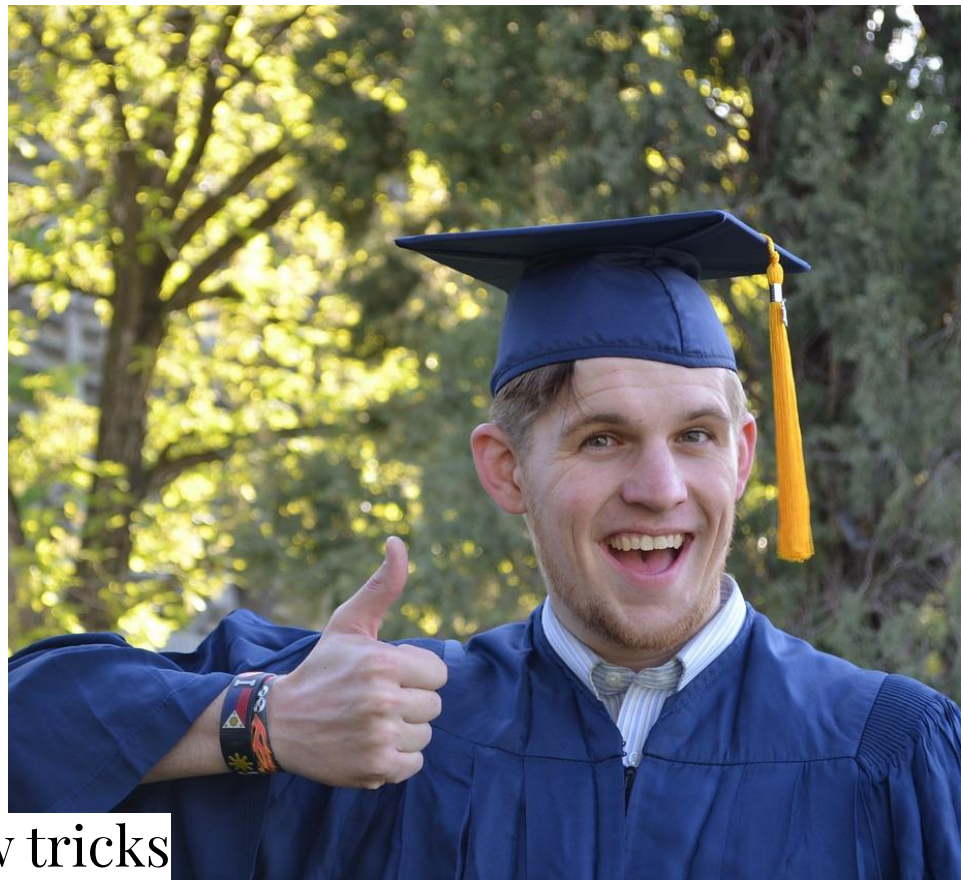
Warm-up Conversation—Education



1. Do you enjoy school (elementary / high school / college)? Why or why not?
2. Have you completed your university studies? Do you intend to? What did you major in? Why?
3. Who was your favorite teacher? Why?
4. Do you still stay in touch with any of your teachers?
5. What subjects were you good at in school? What subjects were you bad at?
6. Have you ever studied abroad (not counting now)? Where?
7. Does your country provide a good public school system?
8. Do you consider yourself a good student? What about a good learner? Are these the same?
9. Are women encouraged to pursue education in your country?
10. Do you think teachers are paid enough? Do you think teachers are well educated?
11. Do you know anyone who does not know how to read or write?

Education-related Idioms

1. To put your thinking cap on
2. To draw a blank
3. To cover a lot of ground
4. Eager beaver
5. Show of hands
6. To learn (something) by heart
7. Bookworm
8. School of hard knocks
9. To play hooky
10. You can't teach an old dog new tricks



Idiom Practice

1. Have you ever needed to learn something by heart? How did you do it? Was it effective?
2. Do you consider yourself a bookworm? Do you have any good friends who are bookworms?
3. When was the last time that you felt like an eager beaver about something?
4. Do you believe that you really can't teach an old dog new tricks? Why or why not?
5. Do you know someone who very often draws a blank when trying to remember something? Do they just have a bad memory or do you think it's caused by something else?
6. What is something you have learned from the school of hard knocks?
7. Do you / did you often play hooky in school? When might playing hooky be a good idea?
8. What are some common scenarios in your life in which you need to put on your thinking cap?

Question Game

Conversation Questions—Career

1. How old were you when you got your first job? What was the job?
2. Can you describe your latest job?
3. Do you usually like your boss? Why or why not?
4. Do you think it is more important to make a lot of money or to enjoy your job?
5. Do you think people over 65 should be made to retire?
6. How many hours a week do people typically work in your country?
7. If you could own your own business, what would it be?
8. Which job would you never do? Why?
9. At what age would you like to retire? What will you do after you retire?
10. How much money do you think you need to retire with your lifestyle?
11. Would you describe yourself as a workaholic?
12. Would you like a job in which you travel a lot?

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 - <https://quizlet.com/class/10607276/>
- Speak, speak, speak (in English)!
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