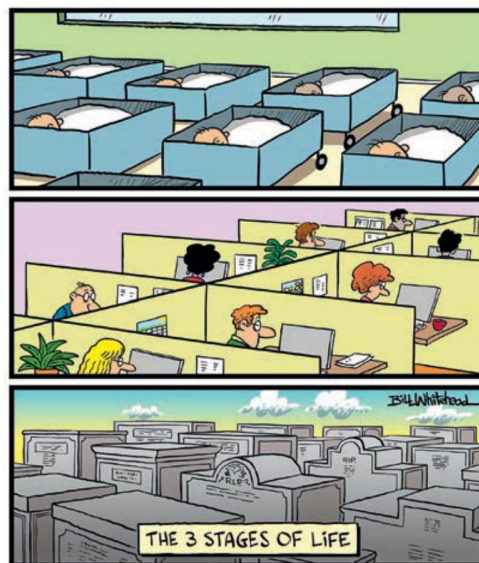


## 3 Other Working Trends

Why are new ways of work emerging?

### 1 The three stages of life

- A. **Pairwork.** Look at this cartoon and describe it.  
 B. What is the message? Do you agree with it? Why (not)?  
 C. **Have your say.** Are there alternatives to this life?



### 2 Freedom at last

- A. Read the text.  
 B. Why is remote work attractive?  
 C. **Have your say.** Would you like to work from home? Why(not)?

Think of it this way: instead of commuting<sup>1</sup> to an office each day to work from a designated desk, remote employees can execute their projects and surpass their goals wherever they please. People have the flexibility to design their days so that  
 5 their professional and personal lives can be experienced to their fullest potential and coexist peacefully.

#### What is remote work?

Some people have the opportunity to work remotely for the majority of the working week, but have to commute<sup>1</sup> to in-  
 10 person meetings at the office one day a week. On a typical day, these remote employees work from their home offices or nearby cafés and can work from their company's office when it's necessary.

Others rely on<sup>2</sup> coworking spaces to be the spots where  
 15 they can get the job done. Coworking spaces act as hubs<sup>3</sup>

of productivity, community, and technology, offering great network connectivity and opportunities to meet others who work in a multitude of industries. You might even say that coworking are a halfway point between a traditional office and a nontraditional workspace, giving you the comfort of working from home and combining it with the professional amenities<sup>4</sup> and networking opportunities that you'd find in a corporate environment.

#### Jobs that can be done remotely

25 As technology continues to advance, remote work is becoming more common in a multitude of industries. From those that you'd expect to those that are a bit more surprising.

1 to drive back and forth • 2 to count on someone / something •  
 3 centre • 4 équipements

### 3 Pros and cons of teleworking

- A. **Before listening.** What is teleworking? What are the advantages and disadvantages?  
 B. Listen to **MP3 n°30** and check your answers.  
 C. Which companies use this method? How do people feel about teleworking? Use **Worksheet n°15** for help.



#### HELP!

##### Adjectives

- remote ≠ on site

##### Verbs & expressions

- a lifetime opportunity
- terminate = fire = lay off someone
- be on the same page
- take over one's life

##### Tools

- one day a week / once a week / a few times a week
- once in a while / hardly ever / very seldom

### YOUR PROJECT

**Interview two people to choose your next job!**

**Groupwork.** Your application for a job at Google was successful. You have also been offered a remote job at "New York Life Insurance Company". You are torn between the two options. Meet with an employee of each company to help you make your choice. Use **Worksheet n°16** for help.