

## UNIT 2 TALKING ABOUT WORKING LIFE

**Practice 1. Look at the pictures below. Then discuss the questions!**



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1. What do you know about working life?
2. What kind of job would you take? Why? *I would take ...*
3. What would you prepared for that? *I would prepare ...*
4. How would you prepare for that? *I would prepare ...*

**Practice 2. Read the following passage and study the expressions below!**

Today, whether you are a millennial who is just about to graduate college, or you're a seasoned manager with young employees on your team, there are a few things you should know about how young talent can adapt to the modern workforce. Here are the top eight things no one tells a new college graduate about the working world:

**1. There's a new language to learn.**

If you thought taking English class was challenging, you are in for a surprise that your language-learning days are not over yet. You need to get familiar with the ever-changing business lingo. From figuring out how to make your emails sound more formal, to learning acronyms like SMB, SME, and ERP, there's a whole new set of communication rules you need to tackle.

**2. Be a thought leader (in 140 characters or less).**

Whether you are focusing on social media marketing or simply communicating with colleagues, the shorter, the better. Trying your best to keep everything short and sweet means more people are likely to read and respond to your messages.

**3. Your managers know everything you are up to.**

I have always been fortunate to work under strong female managers, and I knew from day one with each of them that I did not want to gamble to see whether I could get away with anything. If you are not your manager's first intern or employee, he or she has an accurate idea of how long any task will take you and will have no hesitation about sending you an instant message to check if you are online.

**4. "Digital" is a big deal.**

Digital transformation, digital economy, going digital, the word "digital" has been a buzzword for over two years now. What does it mean for an early talent? It means that being a digital native (aka, a millennial) is in high demand in the working world now. Knowing the basics of social media, cloud, and mobile can make you a real asset for a company.

**5. You need to do a social media clean sweep.**

Refer to point 4 above, everyone is embracing digital these days. While employees used to separate their work worlds and digital worlds, they are now connecting them with social media. More and more co-workers are becoming friends on social channels. As a new employee, it's key to remember that you want to make sure the person you present online matches your professional persona.

**6. The 9-to-5 gig no longer exists, but work-life balance does.**

In theory, your working day should only be eight hours long. But you will find meetings scheduled for 7 a.m. and emails flying around at 10 p.m., and sometimes you will spend your Sunday working on presentation slides. The good news is that work-life balance is alive

and well. If you need to schedule a mid-morning appointment or feel like going for a run at lunch, that is absolutely acceptable.

**7. Blogging is not what it used to be.**

According to WordPress, more than 2.13 million new blog posts are published on its site every day (that's 24 posts every second). Safe to say, blogging has evolved. In the past, blogging got a reputation for being the equivalent of an online diary. Modern blogging, however, has been proven to increase a business's web traffic and position a brand as an industry leader.

**8. There's no set of directions to follow.**

School assignments provide clear directions that you can follow to get a good grade. In the real world, the directions are not laid out as clearly. So, what is an ambitious young employee to do? When in doubt, do your best and be open to feedback.

The transition from college to the modern workforce can be challenging. Your working life will be different from your life as a student in many ways. So, be prepared to adapt. As long as you keep an open mind and embrace new challenges that come your way, you can thrive as a millennial employee.

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These following vocabularies provided in the passage above are similar to ...

- a. adapt : suit
- b. tackle : ...
- c. persona : ...
- d. workforce : ...
- e. thrive : ...

**Practice 3. Complete the table in ten minutes!**

No	Which aspect of the working world would you consider the most?	What kind of job would you take?	Reasons	How would you prepare?
1.	"Digital" is a big deal.	Digital Marketing.	To adapt to the modern workforce.	Knowing the basics of social media, cloud, and mobile.
2.				

3.				
4.				
5.				

**Practice 4: Please discuss (in turn) with a friend in pairs according to the information you have provided in the table. You may follow the model of the dialogue below!**

Ann : Which aspect of the working world would you consider the most?

Beth : The aspect of the working world I would consider the most is “digital” thing.

Ann : What kind of job would you take?

Beth : I would take digital marketing.

Ann : Why would you take digital marketing?

Beth : I would take digital marketing to adapt to the modern workforce.

Ann : How would you prepare for taking the digital marketing?

Beth : I would prepare for taking the digital marketing by knowing the basics of social media, cloud, and mobile as my asset.

**Practice 5. Discuss (in turn) what you have discussed in Practice 4 with another pairs or dyads. You can follow the model of dialogue as below!**

Cleo : Could you please tell me which aspect of the working world Beth would consider the most?

Ann : Sure.

Cleo : Which aspect of the working world would Beth consider the most?

Ann : The aspect of the working world Beth would consider the most is “digital” thing.

Cleo : What kind of job would Beth take?

Ann : Beth would take digital marketing.

Cleo : Why would Beth take digital marketing?

Ann : Beth would take digital marketing to adapt to the modern workforce.

Cleo : How would Beth prepare for taking the digital marketing?

Ann : Beth would prepare for taking the digital marketing by knowing the basics of social media, cloud, and mobile as his/her asset.

**Practice 6. Report (in turn) the aspect of the working world you would consider the most in a group of three or four students. The rest of the students need to ask him or her some questions after he/she has finished telling the aspect of the working world you would consider the most. The student may start telling it using the following models!**

Ann : I would like to talk about the aspect of the working world I would consider the most.

Deb : Could you please tell me which aspect of the working world you would consider the most?

Ann : The aspect of the working world I would consider the most is “digital” thing.

Emy : What kind of job would you take?

Ann : I would take digital marketing.

Cleo : Why would you take digital marketing?

Ann : I would take digital marketing to adapt to the modern workforce.

Fany: How would you prepare for taking the digital marketing?

Ann : I would prepare for taking the digital marketing by knowing the basics of social media, cloud, and mobile as my asset.

**Practice 7: Voluntarily tell how you would introduce Indonesia to the world to the whole class as shown in the example below!**

Good morning my dear friends, I would like to talk about the aspect of the working world I would consider the most. The aspect of the working world I would consider the most is “digital” thing. I would take digital marketing. I would take digital marketing to adapt to the modern workforce. I would prepare for taking the digital marketing by knowing the basics of social media, cloud, and mobile as my asset.