

M: Hello English learners and welcome back to another great lesson with **EnglishPod!** My name is **Marco**.

E: And I'm **Erica**.

M: And today we're bringing you a great **intermediate** lesson with some really useful vocabulary.

E: Some vocabulary you can use to describe your job.

M: Yes, this is a really common situation when you... someone asks you what you do and you have to tell them.

E: Exactly, so, today's lesson **is all about that**.

M: So, before we jump into our dialogue, let's start with our "**vocabulary preview**".

*Voice: Vocabulary preview.*

E: We have two simple phrases today that you'll hear in our dialogue for our vocabulary preview. The first one is **VP**.

M: VP.

E: VP.

M: So, the VP of a company is...

E: The **Vice-President**.

M: The Vice-President, exactly.

E: Yeah, simple little **acronym**.

M: Right.

E: And the next word is **Fortune 500** (five hundred) **company**.

M: Fortune Five 500 company.

E: Fortune Five 500 company.

M: So, a Fortune 500 company is...

E: I'll let you explain.

M: Hehe. Well, **Fortune Magazine** ranks the five hundred biggest companies in the U.S.

E: So, a Fortune 500 company basically is...

M: One of the five hundred biggest companies in the U.S.

E: Okay, that's simple.

M: Yep.

E: Alright, well, with those words it sounds like we're going to be talking to some important people today.

M: Yes, we are gonna be talking to some important people, so, let's listen to our dialogue for the first time. Now, it's gonna be a little bit fast, but you don't have to worry about it.

E: Cause we'll come back and explain all of the important vocabulary.

### **DIALOGUE, FIRST TIME**

M: Alright, great music for our dialogue again, ha?

E: Chosen by...

M: By moi. Hehe.

E: Of course.

M: Yeah, Top Gun is one of my old time favorite movies and Top Gun pilot, what a cool profession?

E: An excellent profession, much cooler than being like a VP.

M: A VP.

E: Yeah.

M: How boring is it?

E: Yeah, anyway, this guy was a bit of a **jerk**, don't you think?

M: Yeah, you can tell a little bit of, uh, the **sarcastic tone** he had in his voice.

E: Definitely, but he did use some interesting phrases and we can talk about those now.

M: Right, so, let's take a look at "**language takeaway**".

*Voice: Language takeaway.*

E: Our first word for language takeaway is **implement**.

M: Implement.

E: Implement.

M: Implement.

E: Let's listen to some examples of this word to help us understand its meaning.

***Voice: Example one.***

*A: Our company has to implement this sales strategy.*

***Voice: Example two.***

*B: Sarah will be responsible for implementing the plan.*

***Voice: Example three.***

*C: I implemented several new policies.*

M: Okay, great examples, and **just in case** to implement means to...

E: Put into action

M: To put into action, great.

E: Exactly.

M: Our second word for language takeaway – **policies**.

E: Policies.

M: Policies.

E: Policies.

M: So, policies are basically rules and regulations.

E: Exactly, formal rules.

M: For a company or an organization.

E: Exactly.

M: Policies, great.

E: Third word...

M: **Oversee**.

E: Oversee.

M: Oversee.

E: Oversee.

M: So, when you oversee operations, it means...

E: Like you watch it to make sure it's okay.

M: You supervise it.

E: This is an excellent word to use when you wanna talk about your **job responsibilities**.

M: Right.

E: Oversee.

M: Uhu, great. And our last word for language takeaway. It's kind of **tricky**, so, let's listen to how it was used in our dialogue.

*Example: That alone means I have fifteen hundred employees under me. Hehe. That alone means I have fifteen hundred employees under me. Hehe.*

E: So, this guy has fifteen hundred (1500) employees under him meaning he supervises fifteen hundred employees.

M: Right, he manages fifteen hundred employees.

E: He must be a busy man.

M: Yes! For fifteen hundred employees... How many employees do you have under you, Erica?

E: Uh, two.

M: Yeah, not quite as much as fifteen hundred.

E: Yeah, because I'm not a VP ???... for yet, hey?

M: Hehe. Not yet, but you will.

E: Okay.

M: Alright, so, **with this in mind**, we are ready to listen to our dialogue for a second time and this time it's gonna be slower.

### **DIALOGUE, SECOND TIME (slow)**

M: Okay, great stuff! With this, now we can start with our "**fluency builder**" for today.

*Voice: Fluency builder.*

E: We heard some excellent phrases in this dialogue, some phrases that sound really natural, hey?

M: Yes! Especially the first one that we have today is... Whenever someone talks and talks and talks and just... and continuously talks without stopping, you would say...

*Phrase 1: She's always **going on about** him at the office. She's always **going on about** him at the office.*

E: This is a really natural way of saying "keeps talking about".

M: Right, keeps talking about him.

E: Yep, so, we have a few examples of how this phrase works. Let's listen.

***Voice: Example one.***

*A: My boss is always going on about how we need to save money; it's all he talks about.*

***Voice: Example two.***

*B: Gary is always going on about his kids; he's always talking about how smart they are.*

***Voice: Example three.***

*C: My mom is always going on about how I should get married.*

M: Okay, excellent! It's clear now.

E: Yes.

M: Okay, so, let's move on to our second phrase for today and this is a great one to use whenever you meet someone for the first time.

E: Or when you start to talk to someone for the first time.

M: Great.

*Phrase 2: Hey, **how's it going?** Hello. Hey, **how's it going?** Hello.*

E: So, this is a really relaxed and natural way of saying "How are you".

M: How are you?

E: Yeah.

M: So, yeah, you can just say "Hey, how's it going?"

E: Yep!

M: Great.

E: Really natural sounding.

M: Now, our third phrase is the most important one of our dialogue.

E: Yes!

M: And it's a really common situation.

E: When someone asks you about your job, they might say this.

*Phrase 3: Arthur, **what do you do for a living?** Arthur, **what do you do for a living?***

M: So, this is a really great way of asking "What work do you do?" or "What is your job?"

E: Yes, and now... I know a lot of students sometimes say "What is your job?"

M: Yeah, and that is... **well**, it's kind of correct, but not really.

E: It doesn't sound very natural.

M: Right.

E: So, you wanna use "What do you do?" or...

M: "What do you do for a living?"

E: Sounds great.

M: That's the way you ask someone what is their job.

E: And that's how you sound super natural.

M: Hehe. Okay, so, we're ready now to listen to our dialogue a last time and now you are ready to understand everything.

### **DIALOGUE, THIRD TIME**

M: Okay, so, I have a little challenge for our listeners today. I have...

E: What is it?

M: Two challenges, actually.

E: Okay.

M: The first one – who performs the song that you heard and what is the song called?

E: Okay, I don't know the answer, so, I'm looking forward to seeing what users do.

M: And the second one is what is the number one company in the Fortune 500?

E: Oh, I also don't know this answer.

M: Hehe. Two great questions, so, I expect to see your answers on the comments page, but also we want to know about your profession.

E: Yes! Tell us about your job, tell us what you do and use some of the great phrases you learned today to describe your answer.

M: Great! So, we hope to see you there, but we're out of time now. So, we'll see everyone at [englishpod.com](https://www.englishpod.com), leave all your questions and, of course, all the comments.

E: And Marco and I are always around to answer your questions.

M: Well, until then it's...

E: Good bye!

M: Bye!