

همایندهای آیلتسی در گیرودار گرامر

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سخنی با زبان آموزان عزیز،

کتابی که در دست دارید حاصل سالها تجربه اینجانب در تدریس زبان انگلیسی به هموطنان عزیز و بررسی اشکالات و اشتباهات رایج می باشد. هدف اصلی این کتاب، آمادگی زبان آموزان برای شرکت در امتحانات زبان پیشرفته همچون آیلتس و تافل می باشد.

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Job

- ❖ **Switch off from work: to stop thinking about work**
 - Ex.1. The only time I *switch off from work* is on Fridays.
 - Ex.2. I try to *switch off from work* on vacation/holidays.

- ❖ **I'd like to get a job: I'd like to find a job, I'd like to have a job**
 - ➡ **to get a job: to land a job**
 - Ex.1. *I'd like to get a job* as a teacher.
 - Ex.2. *I'd like to get a job* as an accountant.
 - Ex.3. *I'd like to get a job* as a doctor/dentist/lecturer.

- ❖ **I'm well-paid: I have a high income**
 - Ex.1. She is really *well-paid*.
 - ➡ **I'm badly-paid: I have a low income.**

- ❖ **I'd like to go into marketing: I'd like to start working on marketing.**
 - Ex.1. *I'd like to go into* accounting.

- ❖ **My income is double hers: I earn double what she does.**

“You need to be highly skilled and professional if you *wanna* be offered a high-powered job.”

- ❖ **A high-powered job: an important job in a high/good position**

What's your position?

Answer A: “I'm the manager of my company.”

- ❖ **I'm the manager of my company: I'm at the peak of my career, I'm in the highest position.**

Answer A: “I’m the managing director/chairman.”

❖ **It is in my best interest: It is to my benefit.**

Ex.1. It is *to your benefit* to start this job.

Ex.2. It is *to your benefit* to go into this job.

Ex.3. It is *in your best interest*.

“We work shifts to get our job done on time.”

How often do you have/take a week off?

Answer A: “I have one week off every month.”

“It is to your benefit if you find a part-time job on the campus.”

“It is in your best interest if you find a part-time job.”

What do you think about this business?

Answer A: “Well, it is a highly lucrative business; you can strike it rich overnight.”

❖ **Lucrative: very profitable, producing a great deal of profit**

Ex.1. The childcare business is not very lucrative.

❖ **Profit: benefit (Both words can be used as noun and verb.)**

Ex.1. She makes a big *profit* from selling waste material to textile companies.

Ex.2. He sold his house at a huge *profit*.

❖ **Strike it rich: make a killing, make lots of money/ make huge money in a short time**

What do you do when you are on leave?

Answer A: “I usually spend most of the time with my family or friends when I’m on leave.”

Are you satisfied with your business?

Answer A: “Not really, I’m *gonna* quit my job and start from scratch.”

- ❖ Quit the job: stop working
- ❖ Start from scratch: start from the very beginning

“Actually, I’m in debt now. I got into debt last year when I lost my job. I have to pay off my debts. I need to find a job to pay off my debts as soon as possible. Of course, if I stayed out of debt, my life would be much better off.”

Grammar Tip

Conditional Type 2

If I **stayed** out of debt, my life **would** be much better off.

(But you are in debt now.)

If I **had** enough money, I **would** buy a car.

(But you don’t have enough money now.)

What are you *gonna* do in retirement?

Answer A: “I’d like to take early retirement and spend the rest of my life travelling.”

Answer B: “I’m *gonna* spend more time travelling.”

Answer C: “I’m *gonna* spend time with my family in retirement.”

“I’m 32 years old. I think I’ll take early retirement when I’m 45 years old.”

Do you work?

Answer A: “No, I don’t work anymore. I’m a retiree.”

Answer B: “No, I’m retired.”

Grammar Tip

Retiree: noun (comes after an article: a / an)

Ex.1. I’m a *retiree*.

Ex.2. She is an old *retiree*.

Retired: adjective (comes after to be verb)

Ex.1. He will be *retired* soon.

Ex.2. I’m *retired*.

“Nowadays, due to economic recession, some businesses are on the verge of bankruptcy. No choice; you have to shut down the business.”

❖ **Nowadays:** these days

Ex.1. People don’t wear hats much *nowadays*.

❖ **Due to:** because of

Ex.1. The bus was delayed *due to* heavy snow.

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❖ **On the verge of: about to**

Ex.1. I was *on the verge* of tears.

❖ **Shut down: close**

“I’m dissatisfied with my job. I wanna change my job. It’s really low-paying.”

❖ **Dissatisfied: not satisfied**

Ex.1. If you're *dissatisfied* with the service, why don't you complain to the hotel manager?

❖ **Low-paying ≠ high-paying**

“But if I were in your shoes, I’d opt for this job under no circumstances.”

❖ **Opt: choose, make a choice**

Ex.1. Many students *opt* for business studies simply because it seems like a passport to a good job.

Ex.2. Many commuters are *opting* to cycle to work.

“My wages are really low in this job.”

❖ **Wage: salary**

Ex.1. an hourly/daily/weekly/annual *wage*

Ex.2. He gets/earns/is paid a good *wage*, because he works for a fair employer.

Ex.3. The job pays very low *wages*.

“Some people don’t take any care over their work. You should be committed to your work. If you are *gonna* do something, do it energetically and with passion otherwise, you’d better quit it.”

❖ **Take care: to be conscientious, to be meticulous**

- Take care over something: spend a lot of time and effort on something and do it perfectly
- You must take care over your work: you must do your work perfectly.

- ❖ I earn my living: I make enough money for my life.
 - Ex.1. I earn my living as a freelance writer.
 - Ex.2. He is a *freelance* journalist.

- ❖ Freelance: not employed, not hired by a company
 - I work freelance: I'm not employed, I'm not an employee, I'm not working for a company.
 - I'm a freelance writer: I write stories, different books, conversations and YumYum books. All of my books get published.

- ❖ I can scrape a living from my job: I can make enough money to make ends meet.
 - My ends can't meet: I don't have enough money to survive

- ❖ Unemployed: out of work, jobless
 - Ex.1. He's been *unemployed* for over a year.
 - Ex.2. There are now over four million *unemployed* in this country.

- ❖ Joblessness: unemployment
 - Ex.1. Concern over the rising level of *joblessness* was a feature of yesterday's debate.
 - Ex.2. She was the assistant manager of a coffee shop but is now *jobless*.

Are you unemployed?

Answer A: “No, I’m not unemployed. I’m a freelance writer and I scrape a living from my job. I never get supported by anyone even my parents.”

- ❖ Unemployed: out of work, jobless
- ❖ Scrap a living: to only just earn enough money to provide yourself with food, clothing, and a place to live
Ex.1. I try to *scrape a living* from my job.
➡ I scrape a living from my job: I work and don't need anyone to support me financially.

Answer B: "I used to work for a company but since the salary was low-paying, I preferred to leave. I preferred not to work there anymore. I resigned two months ago."

"When I'm off duty, I do many things. When I'm on duty, I just stay focused on my job."

Do you live on welfare?

Answer A: "I don't know. I try to live on welfare but unfortunately, I lost my job last month. It was really terrible. I was fired. My boss fired me. He got angry and he said: "You do not fit in with this company. You'd better leave here." and he fired me."

What's your job?

Answer A: "I'm a manager. I'm in charge of a department. I discuss problems with my clients and try to deal with their problems in the best way."

- ❖ In charge of: responsible for

Ex.1. The teacher put me *in charge of* organizing the project.

- ❖ **Deal with: cope with, to do something about (a person or thing that causes a problem or difficult situation)**

Ex.1. We have to *deal with* problems as they arise.

“When you have customers, you *gotta* talk to them first and discuss the problems with them and try to deal with their problems in the best way possible. Sometimes you should spend time dealing with their problems. Talk to the clients or customers to deal with their problems in the best way possible.”

- ❖ **Committed to: loyal and willing to give your time and energy to something that you believe in, having promised to be involved in a plan of action**

Ex.1. It is good to be focused and *committed to* your business.

Ex.2. Of course, it is good to be very *committed*, conscientious and meticulous to do your job so professionally.

“You *gotta* be qualified, professional and highly skilled. Then you can deal with all the problems so easily.”

Please describe the process of getting a job in our country.

Answer A: “

1. You apply online or in person.
2. You are/would be called for an interview.
 - The interviewer asks lots of questions.
 - You, as an interviewee, should answer the questions.

3. Depending on your interview and your resume you will be assessed.
 - If you are qualified, you'll get employed.
 - If you are not qualified, you won't get employed."

Vocabulary Tip

Resume is American.
CV (Curriculum Vitae) is British.

- ❖ In person: If you do something or go somewhere in person, you do it or go there yourself.

Ex.1. If you can't be there *in person*, the next best thing is watching it on TV.

What's your job?

Are you a teacher?

- a) How long have you been teaching?
- b) Where do you teach?

Are you self-employed? / Do you work for yourself? What does your job involve?

- a) Does your job involve planning and designing?

Answer A: "My job involves planning and designing spaces for my clients; I'm an interior designer. I work freelance. I work for myself, so I can control all the hours."

Answer B: “I work freelance from home and I write songs and sell to singers. I can make a decent living out of this job.”

❖ I can make a decent living: I make good money.

Answer C: “I run my own company: I manage my own company.”

How many employees are there in your company?

Answer A: “There are 30/40 employees in my company.”

- ❖ Employee: a person who works in your company
- ❖ Employer: a person who hires employees

What do you do?

Answer A: “I export different food products to many cities.”

- ❖ Export: to send (goods or services) to another country for sale.
- ➡ Export ≠ import

Are you retired?

Answer A: “Yes, I am retired now, I used to work in a car factory.”

a) Where did you use to work?

Answer A: “I used to work in a car factory for ten years.”

Answer B: “I used to teach English ten hours a day.”

Have you got a full-time or part-time job?

Answer A: “I’ve got a full-time job and I work from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.”

Do you work long hours or short hours?

Answer A: “I work long hours sometimes.”

Do you work overtime?

Answer A: “What do you mean by “overtime”? I mean work until late.”

Answer B: “Yes, I do/work overtime and my boss keeps telling me that I’m a workaholic. I have no vacations, no holidays; I just work a lot and work overtime.”

❖ **Workaholic: a person who works a lot of the time and finds it difficult not to work**

Ex.1. A self-confessed *workaholic*, Tony Richardson can't remember when he last had a holiday.

❖ **Overtime: (time spent working) after the usual time needed or expected in a job**

Ex.1. They're doing/working *overtime* to get the job done on time.

Some people work flexitime and some others work based on a set schedule. What's the difference?

Answer A: “They work flexitime: they can change their working time; they can start and finish their work in different times. If you work based on a set schedule, you can't change the time.”

- ❖ a system of working in which people work a set number of hours within a fixed period of time, but can change the time they start or finish work

- ❖ Set schedule: fixed schedule

Is your income satisfying or not?

Answer B: “Yes, my income is satisfying. All in all, although it is hard, I love my job.”

Answer C: “I love my job, in spite of the fact that the income is not satisfying. It is low-paying.”

- ❖ In spite of the fact that: despite the fact that

Do you work freelance or you are an employee? Are you an employee?

Answer A: “I'm not an employee; I work freelance/ for myself.”

Do you work flexitime?

Answer A: “Yes, I work flexitime.”

Answer B: “Actually, I work flexitime. It is more convenient, because I can choose my working hours. It is not obligatory; it is completely flexible.”

What is the difference between *job, work, career, profession* and *occupation*?

- ❖ Work is a general term.
- ❖ Job or occupation is a regular activity; you do to receive a salary.
- ❖ Career is a series of jobs that you do in a special field in your life; like in politics or teaching. Career is more general than job.
- ❖ Profession is a special skill.

What is your profession?