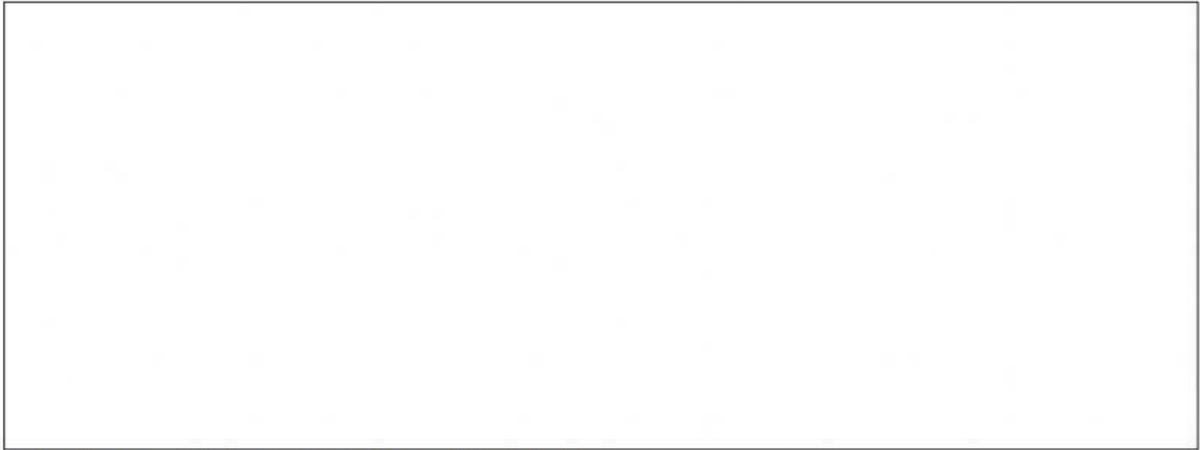


Video 1. Flexible working hours



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w55JojN5uTs>

Rewrite the sentences to explain the words in bold (8 points).

*e.g. This year's sales **are skyrocketing** = This year the sales are booming or This year the sales are growing very fast.*

Has the traditional nine-to-five **had its day**?

The modern workday is the **brainchild** of the 19th century socialism.

Innovations introduced by Ford Motors went on to **be the blueprint** for how we work today.

Companies **embracing** flexibility include Google, American Express, Dell, and Nike.

True or false (12 points)?

In 1914, a law was introduced restricting the employers' demands of the working hours.	
The five-day week was introduced before the eight-hour working day.	
The nine-to-five in fact proved to be quite efficient in the past years.	
Our modern life and technological developments may cause us to give up nine-to-five.	
According to a survey, the majority of the British employees work traditional nine-to-five.	
According to a survey, most of the British employees are against the flexible hours system.	

Find answers to questions below in the video (12 points).

Which features of today's society threaten the traditional nine-to-five working hours?

What does 'working smarter' (1:33) involve?

What measures did a New Zealand company introduce to increase its productivity? Did they work?

Regular nine-to-five has at least one advantage compared to flexible working hours. Which one?

Choose one topic and share your opinion (150-200 words, 8 points).

Do you believe the flexible working hours are going to replace the regular nine-to-five?

Do you agree that the traditional nine-to-five 'has had its day'?

Can you think of other popular working trends? What are their advantages and disadvantages?