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English: Level A2+

WEEK 18

Let's talk about new jobs*

Activity 1

Changes at Work

LET'S SELF-ASSESS!

1. What's the job?

Example:

They protect people and keep the community safe. They wear a uniform and they can arrest people.
They are brave and responsible. POLICE OFFICERS.

- a. They work on farms. They plant vegetables and fruits. They are organised and hard-working. F _____.
- b. They usually work in stores. They sell different types of products. They are charismatic and hard-working. S _____ A _____.
- c. They can make chairs, tables and other furniture with wood. They usually work in workshops. C _____.
- d. They always work at home. They clean, cook and organise everything in the house. They are usually very organised and hard-working. H _____.
- e. They build houses, roads or apartments. They are strong and hard-working. C _____ W _____.

2. Read the text quickly. Whose customers go to her/his house?

- a. Rosalinda's
- b. Felix's
- c. Rosalinda's and Felix's
- d. Nobody's

LISTEN AND READ

Listen to and read the article about Rosalinda and Felix.

Changes at Work

Jobs have changed significantly because of the COVID-19 pandemic. These are the stories of Rosalinda and Felix, two hard-working people who have adapted quickly to changes in the workplace.

Time to Change! – Rosalinda



"WE NEED TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL WITH FOOD IN THESE TIMES."

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed Rosalinda's life. Rosalinda was a street vendor who used to sell *anticuchos* in Lima, but now she has adapted her business to the new normal. Before the pandemic, her customers used to stay

at her food stand and eat there. She stills sells the *anticuchos*, but, now, the customers get the food to go.

Rosalinda's new normal

Rosalinda has been under lockdown because she is over sixty. At first she felt desperate, but she decided to adapt her business to the new normal. Now, her house is her new workplace. Rosalinda never used to ask for any help. Her son Martín is a university student, but now he helps her much more than before. Martín never used to go shopping for her, but now he goes to the local market every day. He doesn't want Rosalinda to get sick. Rosalinda misses her co-workers and friends. "Pochita used to sell *mazamorra*, José used to sell *churros* and Margarita used to sell popcorn. We used to help each other in the streets."

Rosalinda says, with an expression of sadness on her face.

Delicious *anticuchos* in the south of Lima

Rosalinda's house is in Villa María del Triunfo. It is 20km away from the centre of Lima, but her customers go to Rosalinda's house. They come from different towns in Lima. Her *anticuchos* are famous in the city. Rosalinda says: "My customers never used to come to my home. I am happy when I see them."

Rosalinda was always careful with the cookware she used, but now Rosalinda and Martín are even more careful than before. They disinfect everything and wash their hands with soap. They never used to wear a mask all the time, but now they do. "We need to be extra careful with food in these times.", says Rosalinda.

New Normal, New Job! - Félix Soto



"THINGS HAVE CHANGED A LOT THIS YEAR, SO I HAD TO ADAPT AND CHANGE, TOO."

During the lockdown, Félix's job changed too. Five months ago, he was a waiter in "Chifast" restaurant. He still works there, but now he is a delivery person. Before, customers ate in the restaurant and he used to love his job as a waiter. He used to take the food to the customers' tables. But now, he delivers food to the customers' homes on his bike.

Before the pandemic, he used to take the bus to go to the restaurant. He never used to ride a bike. But, now he rides his bike to work. He starts work at 11:00am and finishes at 7:00pm. He

delivers food all over the city. Félix misses his co-workers and customers, but there are also things he likes about his new job. For example, he loves riding his bike every day. "I never used to like sports. Riding a bike every day is like a sport to me." Félix says, "Things have changed a lot this year, so I had to adapt and change, too."

I have learned that delivery people are organised, quick and punctual. I believe that this job is very important in the context of the pandemic. What do you think?

UNDERSTAND: EXERCISE 1

Write and X the correct answer: TRUE – FALSE or DOESN'T SAY. Follow the example.:

Example: The Article is about Rosalinda and Felix.×

~~TRUE~~

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

1. Rosalinda's customers used to eat by Rosalinda's food stand.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

2. Rosalinda felt desperate at the beginning because she was not able to leave her home.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

3. Rosalinda used to do everything on her own.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

4. Martín does not have time to help Rosalinda because he is studying at university.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

5. Rosalinda misses her relatives as much as her friends.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

6. Rosalinda used to be careless with the things she manipulated.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

7. Felix used to work in a restaurant.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

8. Felix feels he needs to be in contact with people in his job.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

9. The main idea of both articles is that workers have adapted their jobs since the pandemic started.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

10. Rosi and Felix both need help from their families.

TRUE

FALSE

DOESN'T SAY

LET'S PRACTISE!

PRACTISE – EXERCISE 1

Complete the sentences with the phrases from the box using **NEVER USED TO**. Not all the phrases are used. Follow the example:

Not a past habit

~~wear a mask~~ – ride a bike to work – take a bus to work – keep distance from the customers –
wear a helmet – have video calls with customers – give packets to customers in their hands –
talk to customers in the garage

Example:



Jessica *is a firefighter*. She never used to wear a mask, but now she does.



1



Eusebio _____. He _____, but now he does.



2



Flor _____. She _____, but now she _____.



3



Miguel _____. He _____, but now _____.



Can you write about this picture?

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

PRACTISE – EXERCISE 2

Listen to a video call between Angel and Karina about their jobs. For each questions, **choose** the correct answer: a), b) or c). You will hear the conversation twice. Follow the example.

1. Where did Karina used to work?
 - a. she used to work at a clothes store.
 - b. she used to work at a grocery store.
 - c. she used to work in a restaurant.
2. How different is Karina's job after the pandemic?
 - a. Now, she sells clothes.
 - b. Now, she sells masks.
 - c. Now, she sells food products.
3. What was Angel's job?
 - a. He used to be a teacher.
 - b. He used to be a German agent.
 - c. He used to be a homemaker.
4. What happened to his previous job?
 - a. It hired other people.
 - b. It went online.
 - c. It closed.
5. What are the advantages of Angel's new job?
 - a. He can work from home.
 - b. He has more time with his family.
 - c. He can use the computer.
6. What is a disadvantage of Angel's new job?
 - a. It's difficult and important.
 - b. The house is big.
 - c. He doesn't have a salary.