

# Work



What do you do?

I work in IT for a well-known educational organization **based in**<sup>(1)</sup> Hanoi, Vietnam. I've been doing this job for over a year now.

What are your responsibilities?

I was **tasked with**<sup>(2)</sup> building the company's website. However, my **expertise**<sup>(3)</sup> is front-end web development, so I am only **in charge of**<sup>(4)</sup> the website's interface. There's another team that is in charge of back-end development.

Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?

I don't have any **noble reason**<sup>(5)</sup> like "it is my passion" or "I want to build the best website ever". I studied IT at university because I was told that software engineering would be **a promising career**<sup>(6)</sup>. And my job peeps **pays really well**,<sup>(7)</sup> so that's a bonus.

Is there some other kind of work you would rather do?

Not really, my main incentive is **financial gain**<sup>(8)</sup>, so I have no complaints about my job. Besides, I do not have any skills or expertise in any other **field of work**,<sup>(9)</sup> so changing careers **is out of the question**<sup>(10)</sup> for me now anyway.

What do you like about your job?

The fact that it pays well. Also, my coworkers are very professional and **competent**,<sup>(11)</sup> and my boss knows how to create a collaborative and **supportive environment**,<sup>(12)</sup> environment. And, there's no unhealthy competition inside the organization either, so **that's a plus**.

What do you dislike about your job (Possibly)?

I can't think of anything I dislike about my job. As I said, I am happy with the salary and the work environment is better than I ever expected it could be, so really there's nothing I could possibly **complain**<sup>(13)</sup> about.

Do you miss being a student?

Absolutely not! My time being a student was **was the most miserable time of my life**.<sup>(14)</sup> I was **bullied**<sup>(15)</sup> for no reason, and I didn't have any friends. Plus, the schoolwork was just so boring and tedious.

1. **based in**: có trụ sở tại.

Ex: I work in a company based in California.

2. **to be tasked with**: được giao nhiệm vụ.

Ex: They were tasked with cleaning the floor.

3. **expertise (n)**: chuyên môn.

Ex: My expertise is dealing with problems about hardware.

4. **to be in charge of**: chịu trách nhiệm.

Ex: I am in charge of managing finance.

5. **noble reason**: lý do cao quý.

Ex: She did it for a noble reason.

6. **a promising career**: một sự nghiệp hứa hẹn.

Ex: She has a promising career ahead.

7. **pays really well**: trả nhiều tiền.

Ex: I love my job as it pays really well.

8. **main incentive**: sự khuyến khích chính.

Ex: Money is the main incentive in my job.

9. **field of work**: lĩnh vực công việc.

Ex: They need to have certification in their fields of work.

10. **to be out of the question**: nằm ngoài câu hỏi, không khả thi.

Ex: Asking my mom to go out now is out of the question.

11. **competent (adj)**: có năng lực.

Ex: He is a competent accountant.

12. **supportive environment**: môi trường có sự giúp đỡ.

Ex: I love working in a supportive environment.

13. **to complain (v)**: phàn nàn.

Ex: He always complains about his working environment.

14. **the most miserable time of my life**: khoảng thời gian đau khổ nhất trong cuộc đời tôi.

Ex: The most miserable time of my life was 2 years ago when I was broke.

15. **to be bullied**: bị bắt nạt.

Ex: When he went to school, he was always bullied.

# Family and friends



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Do you have a large family or small family?

I have a large family with six members; my grandparents, my parents, and my older brother. We are living together at the moment but I have plans **to move out**<sup>(1)</sup> soon.

How much time do you manage to spend with members of your family?

Not much. I work 12 hours a day and usually have to bring home some **extra work**<sup>(2)</sup>. **On top of that**<sup>(3)</sup>, I like to spend between 1 and 2 hours a day working out so that my body and mind can **handle the workload**<sup>(5)</sup>. But it means that I only have around 1 to 2 hours a day to be with my family, which, to be honest, is enough.

Do you have many friends? Why/ Why not?

I used to have no friends back when I was in school. I got bullied a lot actually, so I didn't like the idea of **making friends**.<sup>(6)</sup> But now, I have made quite a few friends at work and all of them are **super nice**.<sup>(7)</sup>

Do you prefer to be alone or be with your friends?

It depends. **For the most part**,<sup>(8)</sup> I like to be alone.. But sometimes I prefer **hanging out with**<sup>(9)</sup> my friends. I guess **introverts**<sup>(10)</sup> can get lonely too sometimes and want some **company**.<sup>(11)</sup>

**1. to move out:** chuyển ra ngoài.

Ex: I am planning to move out next month

**2. extra work:** công việc thêm.

Ex: The reason why I like my job is that I don't have extra work.

**3. On top of that:** Trên hết.

Ex: On top of that, my family is great.

**4. to work out:** tập thể dục.

Ex: I usually go to the park and work out in the morning.

**5. handle the workload:** xử lý khối lượng công việc.

Ex: I have to drink 2 cups of coffee to handle the workload.

**6. to make friends:** kết bạn.

Ex: It's really easy to make friend with him.

**7. to be super nice:** tốt.

Ex: Most of my teachers are super nice.

**8. For the most part:** Hầu hết.

Ex: For the most part, I do my homework in the evening.

**9. to hang out with:** đi ra ngoài chơi.

Ex: I often hang out with my friends on Mondays.

**10. introvert (n):** người hướng nội.

Ex: I am an introvert who like to stay at home alone.

**11. company (n):** ở cùng với người khác.

Ex: They are good company.