

Work



What do you do?

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

What are your responsibilities?

I was **tasked with**⁽²⁾ building the company's website. However, my **expertise**⁽³⁾ is front-end web development, so I am only **in charge of**⁽⁴⁾ 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**⁽⁵⁾ 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**⁽⁶⁾. And my job **pays really well**,⁽⁷⁾ so that's a bonus.

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

Not really, my main incentive is **financial gain**⁽⁸⁾, so I have no complaints about my job. Besides, I do not have any skills or expertise in any other **field of work**,⁽⁹⁾ so changing careers **is out of the question**⁽¹⁰⁾ 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**,⁽¹¹⁾ and my boss knows how to create a collaborative and **supportive environment**,⁽¹²⁾ 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⁽¹³⁾ about.

Do you miss being a student?

Absolutely not! My time being a student was **was the most miserable time of my life**.⁽¹⁴⁾ I was **bullied**⁽¹⁵⁾ 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 khích lệ 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



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**⁽¹⁾ 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**⁽²⁾. **On top of that**⁽³⁾, I like to spend between 1 and 2 hours a day working out so that my body and mind can **handle the workload**⁽⁵⁾. 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**.⁽⁶⁾ But now, I have made quite a few friends at work and all of them are **super nice**.⁽⁷⁾

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

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

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.