

Quiz 1

IN THIS QUIZ, YOU WILL PRACTICE:

VOCABULARY:

- Personality Adjectives.
- Words to describe appearance.

LISTENING:

- Identifying key information in a conversation

READING:

- Identifying key information in an article.

Listening

You will listen to Kevin and Maria talking about Maria's sister, Catherine.

Choose the correct option.

You will listen to the recording twice.

1. Maria has brown hair

A. curly B. wavy C. straight

2. Maria has eyes

A. Grey B. Blue C. Green

3. Kevin says that Catherine's is the same as Maria's

A. Faces B. Mouths and Noses C. Eyebrows

4. Kevin says that Catherine's isn't any than Maria.

A. Taller. B. Heavier C. Slimmer.

5. Maria says that Catherine is more than her.

A. Introverted B. Outgoing C. Quiet

6. Maria says that her and Catherine are both people

A. Energetic B. Bossy C. Independent

Reading an Article

Look at this magazine article working from home.



Working from home: a dream now a reality.

Sujit Patel is a graphic designer with a well-known publishing company. He lives in South London and, for the last 3 years, he's been working from home. He says he prefers it because he can spend more time with his family and have a better **work-life balance**. Sujit isn't alone: in Britain, there are more than 2.1 people who work from home at present rather than in the office. This is almost as twice as it was 10 years ago.

This trend is growing all around the world. But what are the reasons for it? The main reason is technological: easy access to broadband and the availability for videoconferencing. This way enables people to use their home as an office in an efficient and cost-effective way.

Other reasons are the benefits that it brings to both **employers** and **employees**: office space is costly, so if a company can reduce its **workstations**, it may be able to move to a smaller site. Employees often work better at home: travelling can be **time-consuming** and tiring. Many workers save a lot of time and can start the day fresh and work more productively.

Sujit says: "I have been working from home since my son was born and have been really enjoying it. But working from home requires special skills: self discipline and **time management**. I've known my boss and colleagues for years, which really helps because you have to trust each other. You also need to have regular contact, by phone, email, text messages or videoconferencing. Or you need to take regular trips to the office. Otherwise you miss out on a lot of the social part of work."

Not everyone agrees with Sujit though. This is a response to a question in an online forum about homeworking: "The only people who can work from home are those who do unnecessary work. Can surgeons work from home? Ambulance drivers? Firefighters? If you can do your work full-time, then you have a pointless job". Fortunately for Sujit and the 2.1 million like him, not many people think like this person!

Reading an Article

Mark the sentences true (T) or false (F)



Sujit has been working from home for 5 years.



There are more than 2 million people working from home in Britain.,



Videoconferencing and broadband internet has helped the increase in popularity of homeworking.



For employers, homeworking is a terrible option to reduce costs in workstations.



For employees, homeworking is beneficial because they replace travelling to work with spending time with their family.



Sujit says that you need to be discipline and know how to manage your time to be successful at homeworking.



Sujit says that the social part of work isn't important when you work from home.



Everybody agrees that homeworking is a great option for every job.

Match the words with the definitions.

A. Work-life balance.

1. Organizing your time effectively

B. Employers.

2. People who hire you to do a job.

C. Employees.

3. Place where you do your job, either an office or other places.

D. Workstations.

4. Something that is demanding or that takes a lot of your time.

E. Time-consuming.

5. How much time you spend at home and at work.

F. Time management

6. People that are hired to do a job.