

Homework Day 10

Beginner

- a Is English important for these jobs in your town / city? Write 1–5 in the boxes (1 = English is not important, 5 = English is very important).
- a waiter ☐ a doctor ☐ a taxi driver ☐ a policeman ☐ a teacher ☐ a lawyer ☐
- b Read the text. Then answer the questions.
- 1 What do the banker, the waiter, and the factory worker have in common?
 - 2 What does Jean-Paul do?
 - 3 Where does he work?
 - 4 What languages does he speak?
 - 5 What language does he speak at work? Is this a problem for him?

English at work

What do these people have in common – a banker in Mexico City, a waiter in a five-star hotel in Moscow, and a worker in the Hitachi electronics factory in Tokyo? They all speak English at work. Today, English is the common language in **multinational companies** in countries from France to Singapore.

Jean-Paul Piat works for an IT company in Paris. Every day he has **meetings** with other **managers** in English. He also reads **documents** and writes emails in English, and **speaks on the phone** in English to offices in other countries.

‘We’re a multinational company with offices **all over the world**,’ says Jean-Paul. ‘We also have some people in our Paris office who aren’t French. We need a common language to communicate, and that language is English. I think it is a good idea, but some people don’t like speaking English in a meeting when nearly everybody is French.’



- c Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases. Guess their meaning. Check with your teacher or a dictionary.
- d Is English important for your job?

WORDS AND PHRASES TO LEARN

What do you do?

I'm a *doctor*.

Where do you work?

I work *in a hospital*.

I like it very much.

He speaks *English* very well.
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speak on the phone

all over the world

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