

Overview

Watch the video podcast. What do you have in common with the speakers?

1 Watch the video podcast from 0:11-0:19. Why does Hina feel good about life at the moment? Watch the podcast two or three times if necessary.

2 Look at the people below and read the things they say. Then watch the podcast from 0:19-3:17 and match the people to sentences 1-6.



1 My life has changed quite a bit in the last two years.	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
2 I enjoy living in the UK, and I've been over here for about nine years – so I do enjoy my life.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 And then personal life...got married, I had my first child, bought my first property.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 I've got two lovely children, a great husband and I just finished paying for my house.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Ten years ago I was a student and so I used to get up late, and I used to have lots of time. And now I have to go to work.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 I'd like to go on more holidays.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Glossary: *property* = house/flat

3 *How do they feel about their lives at the moment?* Watch the video podcast from 0:19-1:19. Is anybody not happy with their life?

4 Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the podcast again from 0:19-1:19 and underline the words in *italics* that you hear.



- I have a fabulous / fantastic partner, four beautiful children, a great job – and I live in London.
- I have a job that I really enjoy and I've just bought / moved into a flat.
- I have / am just about to go on holiday so I am, yeah, looking forward to that.
- I'm happy with where / who I am, yeah. I've just graduated for two weeks.
- My husband / life is great.
- Started a new job / family as well. I bought a house. Things like that, you know.

Glossary: *fabulous* = very good/great; *about to (go)* = am (going) soon; *as well* = also

5 Look at the people below and read the sentences about them. Then watch the video podcast from 1:20-3:18 and tick (✓) the correct sentence for each person, a or b.



1a) She'd like to travel a lot more.
1b) *She'd like to travel a bit more.* ✓

2a) She really wants to get into graphic design.
2b) She wants to change her job.

3a) He'd like more children.
3b) His wife's recently had a baby.

4a) She's recently stopped work.
4b) She's recently started work again.

5a) She's moved to a different part of London.
5b) She's moved to London.

6a) She sees her friends more now.
6b) She doesn't see her friends so much now.

6 How have their lives changed in the last few years? Watch the video podcast from 1:50-3:18 and match five people from Ex 5 to the questions below.

1 Who's moved to the United Kingdom? A

2 Who had a five-year break from work?

3 Who does a lot of family things?

4 Who has a daughter now?

5 Who's living in a new area?

The way we speak

7 Look at the people below and read what they say about their lives. Then watch the video podcast from 0:19-3:18 and complete phrases 1-6 with words a-f in the box.

a) circle	b) full-time	c) get	d) on	e) career	f) afford
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I'm enjoying my life at the moment because I have a good ¹circle of friends.



I'd like to ²be able to _____ to join a gym so that I could ³_____ fitter.



Specifically in that I had a five-year break from work, ⁴put my career _____ hold and returned back to ⁵_____ employment.



Yeah, I've changed in every possible way really. ⁶_____ -wise, I made a big decision of changing my career, coming to HSBC.

Vocabulary

8 Match definitions a-f to phrases 1-6 in Ex 7.

a) group of friends	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
b) stopped working	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) talking about my career	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) get healthier and stronger	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) work for eight hours a day, five days a week	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) have enough money	<input type="checkbox"/>

Personalisation

9 How do you feel about your life? Write sentences using the prompts below.

- 1 At the moment, my life is _____.
- 2 I'd like to _____.
- 3 In the last few years, _____.

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