SPEAKING FOCUS

Verbs

to trade, traded | to settle, settled | to retire, retired

Vocabulary

network
talent
chairman
investor
income
qualifications
references

expertise
entrepreneur
intern
efficient
chiefly
balance
visionary



Expressions

to get laid off
to lose your job
to give notice



corporate culture
office politics

Grammar



Had he already retired when you entered the company?
I had practiced it so many times that I felt confident.
She hadn't thought of an efficient plan.
Had he heard that story before?
He would **have become** an entrepreneur **if** he **had had** the chance.
If he **had done** it right, he **wouldn't need** to do it again.
If we **had had** more time, we **could have done** it better.
If he **finds** out about it, he **will talk** to you.
If our financial situation **continues** like this, we'**ll need** to cut back on our expenses.
If I **were** him, I **would hire** more interns to help us out.

Secrets of success

When you choose the path, you also choose a destination.

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01. Answer the questions.

1. How has the corporate culture influenced your decision to retire early?

2. What steps did you take before you gave notice to ensure a smooth transition?

3. How do office politics affect the way employees trade ideas within a company?

4. What should a new entrepreneur consider when settling into a new industry?

5. How did you manage your income after you lost your job due to downsizing?

02. Translate the sentences into English.

1. Ele trocou sua posição anterior por um papel mais desafiador depois de se aposentar.

2. A cultura corporativa mudou muito antes que ela se aposentasse.

3. Eles haviam se estabelecido em suas novas funções antes de receberem o aviso de demissão.

4. Após ser demitido, ele decidiu negociar seu contrato com um novo investidor.

5. A política interna do escritório afetou a forma como eles trocaram ideias sobre o projeto.

03. Choose the correct answer for each question.

A. What is a common reason for someone to retire early?

a) They want to start a new business

b) They need to settle personal matters

c) They have reached their retirement age

d) They wish to trade stocks

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B. When you give notice at your job, what is the typical next step?

a) Trade your responsibilities to another employee

b) Settle any outstanding issues with your employer

c) Retire immediately from your position

d) Increase your office politics

C. Which of the following best describes office politics?

a) Efficient workflow and team collaboration

b) Trade negotiations between different departments

c) The influence of personal relationships on work decisions

d) The process of retiring from a role

D. What should an entrepreneur focus on when starting a new business?

a) Office politics

b) Trading personal assets

c) Developing a visionary business plan

d) Settling into a corporate culture

E. If someone loses their job due to corporate restructuring, what might they need to do?

a) Retire immediately from the industry

b) Trade their skills for a new position

c) Focus on office politics to find a new job

d) Settle into a new industry without any preparation

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