

### PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2

1 **OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. What do you have in common with the people?

2 Read and complete Hina's text with the words from the box. Then watch the video from 0:11–0:28 and check your answers.

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Hi, I'm Hina. I work for <sup>1</sup>the BBC in London as <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ researcher. I've learnt a lot of skills in my job and I've <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ some good friends <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ work. Sometimes my <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ gets too busy and I don't <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ enough time to <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ , or even to tidy my <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ .

What do you do?



**Glossary:** tidy = organise/put things in the right place

3 Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 0:28–3:43 and underline the correct word in *italics* in each answer, 1–8. Watch the video again if necessary.



The <sup>1</sup>worst/best thing about my job is the hours we work. We can be there until ten, <sup>2</sup>twelve/eleven o'clock.



The best thing is that no <sup>3</sup>day/week is ever really the same.



I'm a mechanical <sup>4</sup>engineer/accountant for an energy company in Australia.



<sup>5</sup>Going out/Working with my colleagues and friends.



We mainly operate in continents like <sup>6</sup>Australia/Asia, Africa, South America, so I spend a lot of my time <sup>7</sup>abroad/on a plane.



I'm a fashion <sup>8</sup>designer/photographer and I work for a fashion agency.

**Glossary:** *mechanical* = with machines  
*colleagues* = the people you work/study with  
*photographer* = a person who takes photos

4 Watch the video from 0:28–1:20 and number the jobs in the box in the order you hear them, 1–8. Notice the pronunciation of the words and practise saying them.

accountant	1	singing teacher	_____	Director of Sales	_____	college professor	_____
expedition leader	_____	private investigator	_____	charity worker	_____	film maker	_____

**Glossary:** *private investigator* = private detective  
*charity* = organisation that collects money and helps people who need it  
*expedition* = an organised journey to a specific place

5 *What do they do? Where do they work?* Look at the people opposite and read their answers. Then watch the video from 0:28–2:03. Write A–D next to two answers for each person.

1 teaches singing	<input type="checkbox"/>	B
2 mostly works in Berlin	<input type="checkbox"/>	A
3 works from home in London	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4 works for a software company called B-line	<input type="checkbox"/>	C
5 works from home and in schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6 makes films	<input type="checkbox"/>	D
7 works in the City of London	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8 has his own company in Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>	



6 *What are the best things about their jobs?* Look at the people below and read the sentences about them. Then watch the video from 2:04–2:48 and tick (✓) the correct answer.



1 He likes travelling around the world.		3 The best thing is that she travels to a different place every day.
2 He likes meeting different people.	✓	4 She travels a lot and every day is different.



5 The best thing is that there's a lot of variety in his work.		7 He likes being funny and making kids laugh.
6 He has lots of meetings every day.		8 He likes doing things for kids that make them happy.

**Glossary:** *variety* = a lot of different kinds of things  
*kids* = small children (informal)

7 *What are the worst things about their jobs?* Read the words and phrases in the box and watch the video from 2:49–3:43. Underline the six phrases you hear.

can get very stressful	need to take work home	low salary	seeing people who are poor
working under pressure	long hours	hard to make plans	can't stand the boss
being away from my family	dealing with problems		risking your life

8 **THE WAY WE SPEAK:** Look at the people below and read what they say. Then watch the video from 0:28–2:03 and write the correct prepositions. Watch the video again and notice other examples.



1 I work in advertising.



2 I work in an office.



3 I worked for many years at a publishing company.



4 I work for eight hours' drive from where I live in Brisbane.



5 I work from home and then I also work in schools.

9 **PERSONALISATION:** Write your answers to Hina's questions.

1 What do you do?

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2 Where do you work?

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3 What are the best things about your job?

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4 And the worst things?

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