

## PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2

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

the    get    at    flat    a    relax    job    made

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



- 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
- 2 mostly works in Berlin
- 3 works from home in London
- 4 works for a software company called B-line
- 5 works from home and in schools
- 6 makes films
- 7 works in the City of London
- 8 has his own company in Germany

B

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A



B



C



D

- 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.
- 2 He likes meeting different people. ✓



- 3 The best thing is that she travels to a different place every day.
- 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.
- 6 He has lots of meetings every day.



- 7 He likes being funny and making kids laugh.
- 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    risking your life  
 being away from my family    dealing with problems

- 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 \_\_\_\_ an office.



3 I worked \_\_\_\_ many years \_\_\_\_ a publishing company.



4 I work \_\_\_\_ eight hours' drive \_\_\_\_ where I live in Brisbane.



5 I work \_\_\_\_ home and then I also work \_\_\_\_ 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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