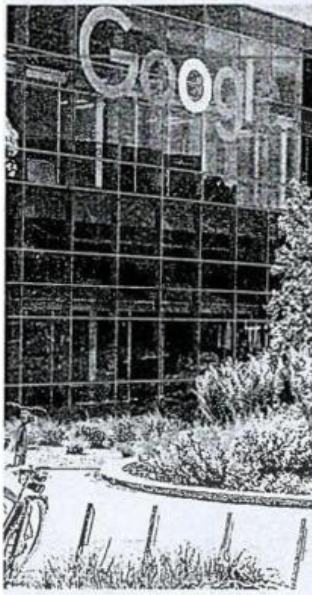


Unit 2.2: The 21st century workplace



C. IDENTIFY Use your notes to label these details as features at Google (G) or Bloomberg (B). If a detail describes both workplaces, write G+B. Then check answers with a partner.

1. _____ three free meals a day
2. _____ the Link
3. _____ gardens for employees to grow plants
4. _____ free snacks
5. _____ a modern work environment
6. _____ private work areas
7. _____ places to take breaks
8. _____ treadmill desks
9. _____ headphones on everyone
10. _____ team work

D. EVALUATE Watch the videos again. Then answer these questions. Compare answers with a partner.

1. According to Radcliffe, what is the Living Laboratory? How is it similar to or different from the Link described by Liu?

2. Which company provides the most perks for employees? Do you think those perks make employees more productive? Explain.

3. Which of the two business environments sounds more stressful? Give details to support your opinion.

4. In comparing the two companies, what seems like the best aspect of working at each company? What seems like the worst?

F. VOCABULARY Here are some words from Listening 1. Read the sentences. Then write each bold word or phrase next to the correct definition. Write each word in its base form.

1. Working in an open-space office is too **chaotic** for me! I prefer a private space.
2. The manager appeared on the **broadcast** and announced a new and improved product line.
3. Can we really be more creative in **unconventional** meeting rooms set up like cafés and diner booths?
4. There was a **collision** between two bikes riding between two office buildings.
5. Businesses use **data mining** to find out what types of people are likely to buy their products.
6. Starting a new job can feel **overwhelming** at first, since you need to learn so much new information.
7. During the interview, I realized I might have the **privilege** of working at the best tech company in the world.
8. Would you **extend** your work day to ten hours a day if you only had to work four days a week?
9. If employees are not doing their jobs well, an **intervention** by their manager may be necessary.
10. A survey revealed that many people choose a job based on the open **layout** of the office space.
11. Whether you work at a big tech company or a small one is **ultimately** your own decision.
12. Are you more **productive** working at a computer in the library or working on your laptop at a coffee shop?
 - a. _____ (adv.) in the end
 - b. _____ (n.) an accidental crash
 - c. _____ (v.) to send out radio or TV programs
 - d. _____ (adj.) so powerful that you cannot decide how to react
 - e. _____ (n.) an action taken to improve a situation

- f. _____ (adj.) out of the ordinary
- g. _____ (n.) an arrangement or design
- h. _____ (n.) a special right or advantage
- i. _____ (n.) looking for large amounts of information on a computer
- j. _____ (v.) to make something longer
- k. _____ (adj.) doing or achieving a lot
- l. _____ (adj.) in a state of confusion