

Which is better, working for someone else or being your own boss?

More and more people are choosing to give up their jobs and follow their dream of setting up their own company.



Being your own boss has many obvious advantages.

¹ _____ is that you are in charge. You have the opportunity to do something you really believe in, ² _____ offering a new product or providing a new service. ³ _____ is that you do not have a boss watching over you, which gives you more freedom to do things your way. Finally, the greatest advantage of all for some people, you could ⁴ _____ become extremely rich if your company becomes successful.

This all seems very tempting, but ⁵ _____, there are a number of disadvantages. You have to make a lot of big decisions, ⁶ _____ whether to expand, or whether to employ new staff. This is often very stressful. ⁷ _____ you are the boss and in theory can decide what time you finish work, you might find that instead of finishing early, you have to work all night ⁸ _____ an important deadline. Finally, there is an element of risk. If the company fails, you could lose not only your job, but also your home and your life savings.

⁹ _____, owning a business has both advantages and disadvantages. Whether it would suit you or not depends on your skills, your personality and your family circumstances.

- a Complete the composition with a linking expression from the list. Use capital letters where necessary.

also although another advantage because of
for example on the other hand such as
the main advantage to sum up

- b Put the linking expressions in the correct spaces below.

Useful language

To list advantages / disadvantages

To add more points to the same argument

In addition, ...

Furthermore, ...

To introduce an example

For instance, ...

To make contrasting points

However, ...

In spite of (the fact that)...

To give a reason

Because (+ clause)...

_____ (+ noun)...

To introduce the conclusion

In conclusion, ...