

1.2 Careers advice

Lesson outcome

Learners can use a range of phrases for giving advice and making suggestions.

Lead-in



1 Work in pairs or small groups. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Can you name three or four different social media platforms?
- 2 What role does social media play in finding a new job?
- 3 What information does an online profile on a professional networking site usually have?
- 4 Is there anything you should avoid putting in an online profile? What? Why?

2 Have you ever received any advice about your career? Talk about:

- who gave it to you.
- what he/she said.
- if the advice was useful in any way.

Listening

3 Work in pairs or small groups. Read the situation and answer the questions.

A recent graduate has phoned a careers advice programme to ask how he can make his online profile more noticeable to employers.

- 1 What advice do you think he gets?
- 2 What advice would you give?

4 1.01 Listen to the programme. Were any of your ideas from Exercise 3 mentioned? What advice did the host give?

5 Listen to the programme again. Decide if these sentences are *true* (T) or *false* (F).

- 1 The caller has recently had a job interview.
- 2 He doesn't know how to make contacts in his industry.
- 3 The host doesn't recommend using professional networking sites.
- 4 The caller wants advice about how to improve his online profile.
- 5 The host asks the caller for specific examples that show his qualities.
- 6 The caller has experience in web design.
- 7 He has experience as an outdoor skills instructor.
- 8 He liked the host's advice.

6 How could you follow the host's advice? What activities do you do that show transferable skills?

I enjoy repairing my car. That shows that I'm good with my hands.

 Teacher's resources:
extra activities

Grammar Advice and suggestions

7A Complete the sentences from the programme using the words and phrases in the box.

could How ought should Why don't you Why not try

- 1 _____ deleting everything you've written about yourself?
- 2 _____ take your description of yourself ... and for each word, think of an example from your own experience that *shows* who you are?
- 3 _____ about telling me about something creative that you've done?
- 4 You really _____ put that on your social media profile – you designed and built a website.
- 5 You _____ consider putting something about that on your profile.
- 6 You _____ to think outside the box.

B What three different verb forms are used after the expressions of advice or suggestion?

C Choose the correct option in italics to complete the sentences.

- 1 Why don't you *send* / *to send* an email to some companies?
- 2 How about *to set up* / *setting up* your own website?
- 3 You should *to research* / *research* the companies you're interested in.
- 4 Why not try *make* / *making* a video for YouTube?
- 5 You ought *to spend* / *spending* some time improving your online profile.
- 6 You could *think* / *to think* about meeting some people who work in the industry.
- 7 What about *asking* / *to ask* your teacher for some help?

→ **page 118** See Grammar reference: Advice and suggestions

8 Correct the errors in these sentences.

- 1 You shouldn't to use words that explain the obvious – like *hard-working*.
- 2 Why don't you trying giving more details about your IT skills?
- 3 Should you show your transferable skills rather than explaining them.
- 4 What about join some online groups to make more contacts?
- 5 Why not to try writing a blog about your experience?
- 6 You could doing some volunteer work, then add it to your profile.
- 7 How about to include more information about your hobbies?
- 8 You ought give some information about the languages you speak.



Teacher's resources:
extra activities

Listening**9** 1.02 **Listen to the second programme. Answer the questions.**

- 1 Was the expert's advice in the first programme useful or not? How do we know?
- 2 What problem does the caller have now?

10A Match the halves of the host's questions. Then listen again and check.

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| 1 What can I | a what was your problem? |
| 2 Can you remind me – | b right? |
| 3 Why don't you tell me | c help you with today? |
| 4 You're a recent graduate, | d no kids? |
| 5 And you're single – | e which is more important: money or excitement? |
| 6 Why not try asking yourself | f about the two jobs? |

B Match the answers with questions 1–6 in Exercise 10A. Listen again and check.

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| a One looks very interesting, but not very well paid. The other is probably a bit boring, but the money is good. | e Yep, that's me. |
| b We spoke a few weeks ago ... and I still have a problem. | f Yes, that's right. |
| c That's the problem, Jenny – I really can't decide! | |
| d My professional networking profile – it wasn't working. | |

11A At the end of the recording, Jenny says *Let me ask you a few more questions*. Work in pairs and think of 3–5 more questions that Jenny might ask the caller.**B Work in pairs. Act out a continuation of the dialogue. Then present your dialogue to another group and compare ideas.**

→ **page 114** See Pronunciation bank: Voice range

Speaking**12 Read the online profile and other information on page 126. With a partner, give advice to the person who wrote the profile, so he/she can improve it.****13A You are going to roleplay helping a friend set up a profile on a professional networking website. Student A: Turn to page 126. Student B: Turn to page 128.****B When you have finished, change partners and do the roleplay one more time.****Self-assessment**

- How successfully have you achieved the lesson outcome? Give yourself a score from 0 (I need more practice) to 5 (I know this well).
- Go to My Self-assessment in MyEnglishLab to reflect on what you have learnt.