

Lesson 17: Asking about Work

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "***Asking about Work.***"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

- **overtime work** - time spent working in addition to the normal working hours
- **fringe benefits** - something that you get for working, in addition to your pay (e.g. company car, free health insurance, etc.)
- **paid holidays** - a vacation from work by an employee with pay granted
- **health insurance coverage** - health insurance provided by an employer to the employees

Activity 1 | Dialogue

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Alex is talking to his supervisor about work details.

Alex: So, what's the work schedule?

Supervisor: Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Alex: How much **overtime work** is there?

Supervisor: You'll have to work overtime about once a month, about an hour.

Alex: Good. A little overtime isn't a problem for me.

Supervisor: Do you know anything about the **fringe benefits**?

Alex: No, I don't. Please tell me about it.

Supervisor: Employees get one day sick leave per month.

Alex: That's very fair. What about **paid holidays**?

Supervisor: Yes. We have paid holidays as well.

Alex: How many paid holidays do we get per year?

Supervisor: We have fifteen paid holidays in a year.

Alex: I would like to know about the health plan.

Supervisor: All employees have **health insurance coverage**.

Alex: Great! Thanks for the information.

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. How many hours does Alex have to work?
2. How often do the employees have to work overtime?
3. How many paid holidays do the employees get annually?
4. What are the employees entitled to if they get sick?

Activity 2| Role Play

Directions: Have a role play with your teacher in the following situation.

Situation

You are planning to work at your friend's working place. Your teacher will act as your friend. Ask him/her about his/her working hours, what he/she does, and the fringe benefits provided for. Switch roles after that.

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Do you often work overtime?
2. Would you like to change your working hours?
3. Does your company provide good benefits? Tell more about it.
4. Do you enjoy doing your job? Why or why not?
5. Which do you think is more important, to earn a lot of money or to enjoy what you do? Why?