



Intermediate 1 (I-1) Article 2: Job and Career

Jobs

Most people in modern society spend more than eight hours a day working. Some are successful in their jobs, but many more are under stress. Workers are classified into two groups; **self-employed** and employees. An interesting fact is that the self-employed envy employees, and vice versa. The reason? People tend to **exaggerate** the other's benefits they don't have.

Businessmen seem to have greater satisfaction from their jobs than ordinary workers do. They have the power to decide things by themselves. That's why ordinary workers are envious of them. But businessmen must take responsibility for their decisions, and if something goes wrong they could go bankrupt.

Every employee has a certain job responsibility, but if he does what he is expected to he is usually **exempt** from bad **consequences**. He has a stable position. On the other hand, a **competent worker** may enjoy at the mercy of the manipulations of corporate executives.

Who is happier is not the question. The important thing is that people must decide which category they should belong in by evaluating themselves honestly.

Let's Answer

1. What advantage do businessmen have?
2. What disadvantage do workers have?
3. Which is better, being the employer or the employee?

Let's Talk !

1. Would you want to be a businessman or an employee?
2. Are you satisfied with your job?
3. What are your priorities in getting a job?
4. Do you have any idea of starting a new business?
5. What are the obstacles to starting your own business?