

English on the air II

إنجليزي عَ الهواء II

Comprehension

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Today's Reading:

- **2 Thessalonians 3: 10-13:** Don't you remember the rule we had when we lived with you? "If you don't work, you don't eat." And now we're getting reports that a bunch of lazy good-for-nothings are taking advantage of you. This must not be tolerated. We command them to get to work immediately—no excuses, no arguments—and earn their own keep. Friends, don't slack off in doing your duty.
- **1 Thessalonians 4:11-12:** Stay calm; mind your own business; do your own job. You've heard all this from us before, but a reminder never hurts. We want you living in a way that will command the respect of outsiders, not lying around sponging off your friends.

Vocabulary

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At Work II

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Applying for a job:

Making a job application:

- I saw your advert in the paper.
- Could I have an application form?
- Could you send me an application form?
- I'm interested in this position.
- I'd like to apply for this job.

Asking about the job:

- Is this a temporary or permanent position?
- What are the work hours/ work schedule?
- Will I have to work on Saturdays?
- Will I have to work shifts? (day shift/ night shift.6)

- How much does the job pay?
(5\$ per hour/ 200\$ per week.)
What's the salary? (£2,000 a month.)
- Will I be paid weekly or monthly?
- Will I get travelling expenses?
- Will I get paid for overtime?
- Is there...? (A company car/ a staff restaurant/ a pension scheme/ free medical insurance.)
- Who would I report to?
- I'd like to take the job.
- When do you want me to start?

Grammar

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Prepositions:

- Role of a Preposition:
 - Prepositions are important when constructing sentences. A preposition sits before a noun to show the noun's relationship to another word in the sentence.
- Try to avoid ending a sentence in a preposition: as a rule, a sentence should not end in a preposition. (However, as shown later in this episode, there are several factors to consider.)
 - *That is a situation I have not thought of.* (The word "of" is a preposition. Writers should avoid ending sentences in prepositions, because a preposition should sit before a noun.)

Prepositions:

- Where possible, you should avoid ending a sentence in a preposition. However, after shuffling the words so that the preposition is not at the end, the re-structured version often sounds contrived and unnatural.
 - *That is a situation of which I have not thought.* (This version is grammatically more pure than the one before.)
- Often, the best solution is to re-word the sentence:
 - That is a situation I have not considered. (There are no prepositions in this sentence, and it has the same meaning.)

Prepositions:

- If the sentence sounds too contrived after it has been reworded, another option is to leave the preposition at the end of the sentence.
 - *There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.* (Oscar Wilde)
- (This is an example of a sentence that should be left with the preposition at the end.)

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
(to) Climb the corporate ladder	<p>To advance in one's career; the process of getting promoted and making it to senior management</p> <p><i>You want to climb the corporate ladder? It helps to be productive and to look good in front of your boss.</i></p>
Dog-eat-dog world	<p>A cruel and aggressive world in which people just look out for themselves.</p> <p><i>Your company fired you shortly after you had a heart attack? Well, it's certainly a dog-eat-dog world!</i></p> <p>Origin: This expression dates back to the 1500's. Wild dogs were observed fighting aggressively over a piece of food. The connection was made that people, like dogs, often compete aggressively to get what they want.</p>

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
(to) Face the music	<p>To admit that there's a problem; to deal with an unpleasant situation realistically.</p> <p><i>The executives finally had to face the music and admit that they were involved in some illegal activities.</i></p>
(to) Fast track a project	<p>To make a project a high priority; to speed up the time frame of a project.</p> <p><i>Let's fast track this project. We've heard rumors that our competitors are developing similar products.</i></p>