USEFUL PHRASES

Getting a job

an application form / a resume, a curriculum vitae (CV) / a cover letter / a letter of recommendation / a reference / experience / a trial period / an internship / an apprenticeship / an entry-level job / the job ladder / to get one's foot in the door / "no job without experience but no experience without a job"/ employment history / education / qualifications / skills / training / an interview / an interview round / a call-back interview (a second interview for a job) / a rejection letter / a job offer / salary negotiations

Work and pay

unemployed / between jobs / in employment / self-employed / freelance / part-time / full-time / flexitime / overtime / manufacturing / services / trade / a blue-collar job / a white-collar job / manual labour / (un)skilled labour / a profession / a job vs a career / hard and soft skills / to retire / retirement age / a pension / a pension scheme (with employer contributions) / job security / redundancy / to be made redundant / to be or get fired, sacked / to quit / to resign / to submit one's resignation / to give notice / (annual) salary / (hourly/weekly) wage / a minimum-wage job / a bonus / an end-of-year bonus / performance-related pay / a basic salary plus performance-related bonuses / tax deductions / health insurance / paid time off / (un)paid holiday, vacation / a sabbatical

Trends in work

outsourcing / automation / the gig economy (the model of working multiple part-time or self-employed jobs) / having multiple jobs / universal basic income (UBI) / a career change / retraining / reskilling / upskilling / lifelong learning / job-sharing / parental leave / equal opportunities / work from home / work-life balance / digital nomads / flexibility / anti-harassment policies

Jobs of the future?

solar or wind energy technician / waste processing engineer / app developer / extreme weather forecaster / environmental crisis manager / genetic counsellor / information security (InfoSec) analyst / biomechanical engineer / blockchain developer / drone pilot or dispatcher / smart building technician / 3D-printing technician / augmented reality developer / personal brand advisor / urban agriculture specialist / technology ethicist / personal microbiome consultant / human-AI relationship counsellor / AI psychologist / car pilot instructor

PAIR DISCUSSION

Imagine you and your friend are trying to apply for jobs. What do you need to do to apply? What do you want to do?

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- What kind of work would you like to do in the future?
- Do you think it's better to do the same kind of work for a long time or to change jobs often? Why?
- In your view, which current jobs will not be necessary in the future (within your working lifetime)? And what new jobs will appear?

PICTURE PROMPTS

Look at the pictures on the other side of the card. Choose one and describe it.

Now compare and contrast the two pictures. Talk about the people you see and the ways in which they are similar and different.