

Lecture 2. Talking about WORK. Lesson 2

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Hey, everyone. I'm Alex.

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Thanks for clicking, and welcome
to this vocabulary lesson on

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talking about work.

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In this lesson, we will learn some
phrases that we use to talk about work

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with our friends, family, colleagues, etc.

So, you will see some sentences, as well as

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some questions that you can
use to talk about your job.

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So, let's start with some basic questions
that people might ask about your work, your

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job. For example, the most
basic one, if you have a job:

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"Where do you work?"

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Right? Where do you work? Do
you work at Microsoft, maybe?

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Do you work at Google? Do

you work somewhere else?

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And, this is a very common question, especially if you don't have, you know, like a set schedule

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where you work, you can say: "Hey. When do you start?" Right? If you ask a person:

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"When do you start? Do you start at 8 o'clock? 9 o'clock? 10 o'clock?"

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This might be a common question, you know, if you're wondering if you can have breakfast with someone

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or maybe lunch with someone,

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depending on if they work in the
afternoon, if they work in the morning,

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etc. And obviously, you can also ask
when a person finishes their job.

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"When do you finish?" Okay?

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Two other ways that we can ask
when a person is finished are:

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"Hey. When are you off?"

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Okay? So, if you say: "When are you

off?" you know, you're asking them:

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What time do you finish?

Same with this:

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"When do you get off work?",

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"When do you get off work?",

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"When do you finish

work?" All right?

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So, again, you can say:

"When do you finish?",

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"When are you off?", "When
do you get off work?"

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Now, some sentences that we can use.

You can say:

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"Oh, I work day shift.",

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"I work afternoon shift."

or "I work night shift."

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Now, a shift is basically the time...

The period of time,

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the block of time of work that you do. So,

if you work in a factory, usually factories,

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a lot of them are open 24 hours per day. They
have some people who work in the daytime,

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some people work in the afternoon, some
people work at nighttime. So you can say:

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"Oh, I'm on day shift.",

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"I am on afternoon shift.",

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"I am on night shift."

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Instead of saying, you know: "I work day shift, afternoon shift, night shift", you can also say:

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"I'm on days.", "I'm on afternoons.", "I'm on nights."

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And this can change, depending on how your schedule

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works. You can say: "I'm on afternoons this week, but next week I'm on days."

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And again,

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this is important information, depending on who you're talking to, if they want to get

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together with you for something, it's important to know. -"What shift are you on next week?"

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-"Next week I'm on nights, so that means that we can get together for dinner

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before I start work." Okay?

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Now, "overtime". "Overtime" is time that you work longer than you are expected to legally

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work. So, for example, in most companies... I'm just going to talk about the North American

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context. Typically, one week a person is expected to work in most jobs 40 hours per week. If

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you work beyond that, you can work overtime.

Right? You work overtime. Or if you work eight

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hours per day, if you work more than eight

hours per day, you work overtime. So a person,

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your friends, colleague,

family member can ask you:

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"Hey. Are you doing

overtime tonight?"

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Or: "Are you working
overtime tonight?"

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And short form for
overtime: you can also say

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"OT". "Are you
doing OT tonight?"

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You can say: "Yeah,
I'm staying OT."

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Or: "I'm staying for two
hours of OT." for example.

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Okay, next: maybe a common sentence for

you, maybe not; depends on who you are.

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So, for example, here I wrote:

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"Jackie called in
sick last Friday."

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So if you are sick and you
call your job to tell them:

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"I'm sick. I can't come today."
you are calling in sick.

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So the phrase is "call in". Okay? You
might... Your friend might also tell you:

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"Hey. Monday, you know, we're going to have a big party on Sunday night,

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so Monday you're going to be very tired. Just call in. Call in."

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Or: "Call in sick". Okay?

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I'm not recommending this, but it's something people do.

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Next: "I need a vacation."

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And if you want to say you

have been working really hard,

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one expression you can use is:

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"I've been working

like a dog." Okay?

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You think of a dog like

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[pants like a dog]

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like this, if you are working

very hard, you can say:

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"I've been working like a dog." Another more
slang-like expression that I'll put here,

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you can also say (cover
your ears, children):

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"I've been working my ass off."

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I'm sorry, my marker is not working
very well here, but I'll do my best.

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So you can say: "I have
been working my ass off."

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Your ass or your butt. You
can say: "my butt off"

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if you want it to be a
little more polite. Okay?

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Because you're working so hard that
I guess your butt starts to sweat

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or it falls off, maybe.

I don't know.

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Another common phrase, you know, if you are at
a job where you work part time, maybe you're

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a student, and maybe there are people with
more experience, more seniority than you,

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you could say: "I'm not
getting enough hours."

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This means my employer,
the person who gives

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me the job is not giving me enough work.
So I'm working 10 hours a week, that's it.

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I need minimum 15 hours, 20 hours, maybe you
want more hours than that to survive as a

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student or whatever
your life situation is.

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We'll move over here.

Another common phrase:

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"Hey. Can you come in early?"

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This might be your boss asking
you: "Can you come in early?"

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If you come in early,
you come in before your

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job is scheduled to start. Okay?

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And another way to say: "I
worked overtime", you can say:

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"Last night, I had
to stay late."

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So maybe, you know, you are
an employee, you work at

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a job where you can't finish everything
in your eight hours, or nine hours,

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or whatever you work, and you have to stay
later, later, later - you can tell your friends:

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"I had to stay late last night."

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Or you tell them today: "Sorry,
I can't come dancing", or:

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"I can't go to the movie. I have to stay
late. I have to work more at my job."

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And again, talking
about vacation:

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"Have you had any
time off this year?"

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So, you can say:

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"I need some time off."

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Time off is time away from work;
you're not really working. Right?

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You're taking a vacation,
paid, usually. I hope.

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And finally: "She took
a day off yesterday."

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We talked about taking a
sick day, being sick.

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You can also take a day off because you have
a personal emergency, or you have a schedule

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with a doctor, or something like that.

You can take a day off.

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All right, so a lot

of vocabulary here.

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If you'd like to test

your understanding of the

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structure of these phrases,

questions, all of this vocabulary,

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as always, you can check out

the quiz on www.engvid.com.

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subscribe to my YouTube channel.

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Don't work too hard.

See you, guys.