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with Kat and Mark

Perks

Kat: Okay, so what kind of perks have you had in the past in different kinds of jobs?

Mark: 00:06 Definitely when I worked in a pub, I definitely had some perks there when it came to the menu, we had staff discounts on our food, so, at lunch time I could get a full meal for, like, 2 pounds, which was pretty sweet. 00:21 The best perk I think overall though was every 3 months we changed the menu, but before we released the menu to the public, all of the staff got to eat every single new meal a week ahead, so we could tell the customers what it was like. 00:38 So, we'd come in and stuff our faces with all the food for free, and yeah, that was probably the nicest perk, working that job.

Kat: 00:48 Right, so, it may not pay a lot to work in hospitality, but the perks definitely outweigh the pay sometimes.

Mark: 00:54 Yeah, for sure, are there any perks to being a teacher?

Kat: 00:58 Uhhhhmmm, well, uhm, the number one perk that I get from teaching is the satisfaction of seeing my children learning new things every day.

Work Environment

Mark: So my last job, I was very lucky to have a healthy work environment, at my last school. 00:07 Everyone on the team was very cooperative, we shared ideas, we had lots of meetings, no one was afraid to throw out new ideas or come up with new suggestions. 00:17 Yeah, so very relaxed, really friendly, if something went wrong there was never much stress and our boss didn't micromanage. 00:27 She didn't get involved in every single detail of our job, so that puts everyone at ease, it makes you relax, and I think it just makes, 00:37 yeah I think it makes everyone just less on edge, just a bit more friendly and nicer place to be. 00:44 Have you ever experienced an unhealthy work environment?

Kat: 00:48 Yeah, definitely, I had a job while I was in university, and I was the manager of a retail store. 00:55 Now, being a retail store, we often get a lot of inexperienced kids coming in, wanting a job for the summer, seasonal job, things like that. 01:02 And that's totally fine if they seemed like good kids, I would hire them and normally we had a lot of fun, don't get me wrong, had a lot of fun, 01:12 but had a lot of immature kids that were often very late, called in at the last minute, they wouldn't be able to come in, they'd cancel on some of the busiest days of the year, 01:24 that could've been really stressful, I had a lot of pressure from my boss to make sales and that often trickled down to my staff because we had to make numbers and things like that. 01:37 So, overall I think the stress could be chalked up to an unhealthy work environment.

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Working Conditions

Mark: Okay, when would you hear the term "working conditions"?

Kat: 00:05 Uhm I think it's a bit more formal, I think that, when you talk about working conditions, you're probably going to be in an interview, in one of the last interviews before you get the job, 00:16 or it's going to be something written in your contract, so your working conditions might be where you're going to work, if you're going to be working outside of the office, in the office, if you have to travel a lot, 00:27 other things might be how many hours per week you're supposed to be working or the benefits or health insurance, that might be included in the working conditions.

Mark: Yeah I think you nailed it.

Maternity Leave

Kat: Okay so, maternity leave is the time off that expectant mothers, new moms or families who have recently adopted a child, 00:10 it's the time that they get to take care of their baby. 00:13 Now, in the US, you are required by law to give them 12 weeks of maternity leave, 00:20 however it is often unpaid, which means that they won't be getting a regular paycheck, and that's a bit frustrating 00:28 and that's kind of a hot topic right now in the States.

Mark: 00:32 Yeah, it's a little bit different in the UK. In the UK, maternity or paternity leave for the father, you get 39 weeks and you get an average salary per week. 00:44 So you get about 9 months off, uh, maternity or paternity leave, I think more and more fathers are taking paternity leave. 00:52 They're picking up the slack and yeah contributing more to raising the child while the mum gets back to work, but yeah.

Paid Vacation / Paid Holiday

Mark: Okay, so I call this one 'paid holiday' if you have a job that has a salary and you receive an annual, annual holiday, annual leave, sometimes, 00:11 of a couple of weeks a year and you can use it whenever you like, and when you go on holiday, you can still receive your salary, 00:19 as if you were still at work. But, I've never been in a position to have paid holiday, I don't think. Have you?

Kat: 00:27 Uh, yeah, actually I always get paid holidays because a holiday for me is a national holiday. 00:36 Now, in America we do call it paid vacation, which are extra vacation days outside of holidays that you would get paid for, so 00:44 maybe you wanna take a week off, you'll still get that pay and you get a regular paycheck, 00:50 now the unpaid vacation however, is normally what I get, because I don't often work in salaried positions, 00:57 so when I ask to have a vacation, I end up telling them that I'm going to take off these days, but I don't get paid for that time, so I consider it unpaid vacation.

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Job Satisfaction

Kat: Okay, so the idea of job satisfaction, I probably wouldn't mention this to a friend or anything, like, 00:07 my job satisfaction is high today, I think that's kind of a formal sen ... formal phrase that I probably wouldn't use in day to day conversation, 00:16 where would you normally see something like this?

Mark: 00:19 yeah, I'd see it on a survey, like if my boss gave me a form to fill out or he gave me a questionnaire, 00:25 maybe job satisfaction would be one of the questions, you know rate it from 1 to 10, 00:31 how happy you are in your job. You see it in other things where you talk about the best countries in the world, the best places to live in the world, 00:40 and it's always like Scandinavia, or somewhere, and they rate them on, like, quality of life, cost of living, uh job satisfaction, 00:48 all these things that tell you how well they live, their healthcare, their... uhm...00:55 yeah how much it costs to buy a loaf of bread, a pint of milk whatever, so yeah it's not something that you'd hear in a coffee shop, 01:01 but in a more formal setting, yeah for sure.

Manual Work / Labor

Kat: Okay, so what kind of jobs would you consider manual work or manual labor?

Mark: Mm, 00:07 I'd think of an electrician, a carpenter, maybe a plumber, someone who comes in and fixes things around the house, 00:15 or someone who probably doesn't have an office, when I think of, yeah, manual work I do think of someone either outside or someone in a house, but it's not their house, 00:27 they're fitting a floorboard or they're fixing the sink or they're installing an air conditioner, something like that, 00:33 someone who's working with their hands.

Kat: 00:36 Right, right. and I also think that working with your hands, especially nowadays, 00:41 you can kind of turn your hobby of building something from scratch and 00:46 you can sell it online or you can build a business out of it. 00:49 So I think in more modern times, working with your hands doesn't necessarily have to mean manual labor, 00:57 it could just mean simply creating something or making something by hand

Mark: 01:01 Yeah it's become a much wider term, right? For anything creative that you make, 01:06 whether you... yeah like knitting a scarf or you're painting a picture or sculpting, 01:11 even, whether it's woodwork or metal I don't know. Uh, yeah.

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Full Time / Part Time

Mark: Okay, so what's the difference between a full time job and a part time job?

Kat: 00:05 Okay, well, in the States, a full time job I would think is 40 hours plus, 00:11 some jobs say 40 hours but if you get paid on salary then you probably will be working more than that. 00:18 But, part time I mean I think of, you know, my jobs in college, I worked two part time jobs, 00:24 because I didn't have time to work 40 hours, 9-5, every single day so 00:31 I had one day time job before classes and one evening job after classes, 00:37 so those were my two part time jobs that were a little more flexible than a single full time job.

Mark: 00:43 Right, yeah. I was thinking 9-5 as well, then you said it. 00:48 Uhm, yeah a 9-5, a full time job sounds much more like career-orientated, 00:53 like you're driving towards something, it's what you want to do, it's part of your career, perhaps. 00:59 Part time job feels like a stop gap, like something you do whilst you're trying to figure, figure out your career path, 01:07 but uh you can still work just as long in a part time job as a full time job, right? Like if you work in customer service, what do call it? Aspo?

Kat: 01:17 Hospo. Hospo in New Zealand, yeah.

Mark: 01:20 Right, yeah so I mean if you work part time in a bar or a restaurant or a pub, you're busiest days are on the weekend, right? 01:27 So I pulled 12 hour shifts when I was working in a pub, and I was still part time. 01:32 So just because it's part time doesn't mean it's necessarily less work, right? or it's less intensive. 01:40 So I guess, is that why a lot of pub jobs or hospo jobs are part time? 'Cause they're so intensive?

Kat: 01:47 I think because once you go from part time to full time you have to offer benefits, 01:51 and that's what most companies are not willing to do, is to sign you on for full time hours or a full time contract.

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Temporary / Seasonal Work

Kat: Okay, so, have you ever done any temporary work or temp work?

Mark: 00:05 Yes, I have. Uh, at my mum's office over the winter one time, I replaced... I think I filled in for someone who was on maternity leave, I think, and I became 'the temp'. 00:18 There's like one temp in every office and I was the temp / (slash) tea boy. 00:23 If anyone wanted tea or coffee, then they'd ask the temp. 00:27 They'd ask Elaine's boy. Uh, so yeah, it was only for I'd say about 6 weeks, max, 00:33 and then I went back, uh back to uni. 00:36 Uhm, how about you, any temp work? Any temp experience?

Kat: 00:39 Well, I've kind of done some seasonal work, which I think is quite similar. Seasonal work would just be kind of, like, literally what it sounds like, (00:48) you just work through the season, and then you're done, 00:50 so you might work at a ski lodge over the winter 00:53 or you might work at a river canoeing lodge during the summertime, 00:59 I often work for my mom during two seasons of the year, so I consider that seasonal work.

Volunteer Work

Mark: So, have you ever done any volunteer work? Have you ever worked as a volunteer?

Kat: 00:06 Yeah, for sure, uhm, in high school, just about once a month, we would go out and do some sort of volunteer project in the community. 00:14 Uhm, later on, not as much. I haven't really had time to do any volunteer work, 00:21 I have done a few things that were unpaid just for fun maybe with kids and teaching or working on farms, going around and doing things like that. 00:32 What about you? Have you ever done any volunteer work?

Mark: 00:35 Uh yeah, actually, my first ever experience in an ESL classroom was voluntary, 00:40 uhm, at that time I didn't have... uh... I didn't start work until midday, 00:45 so I gave up my mornings to go into the ESL, uh, academy they had in my hometown and 00:52 yeah I spent two or three hours in the classroom as like a teaching assistant, uh, 00:57 yeah just sort of seeing, getting some hands on experience, uh what it was like, and then yeah 01:02 soon after that, took my first full time ESL job and yeah the rest is history.

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Calling in Sick

Kat: This is always a good excuse, have you ever called into work?

Mark: 00:05 Wait, called in to say what? Called in...

Kat: 00:09 No, I mean, like, when you call in to work, that means you're calling in sick. 00:13
You're calling your boss and being like... yeah

Mark: Ah, right, okay. 00:15 Yeah, I think in the UK, you'd have to say call in sick. If you just call in, I don't think anyone would know what you mean.

Kat: 00:22 Ah like if you like 'call in' to someone's house, just to say hi

Mark: 00:26 Right, or if you called into the office, it could be anything, you could be sick, you could be late, you could have like an emergency, 00:33 you could just quit, or say... I call in and tell 'em I quit. 00:37 Uhm, yeah, call in sick, I don't think I've ever done it. Been tempted to, on like weekends or when you've had a big night out, 00:47 I've been tempted to, but I've always managed to crawl in no matter what's.. now what matter what I'm feeling.

Kat: 00:53 I think it was harder to call in sick, uh, when I was working in hospitality and when I was working as a teacher, 00:59 because other people would have had to take my position or take my job 01:03 and that would've put a lot of stress on my coworkers so 01:07 I usually had to double check and make sure that I was truly, truly sick before I called in.

Mark: 01:14 Right, yeah, like when people are depending on you, there's that extra, there's that pressure to 01:19 work when you're ill, even if you're not feeling 100% you still come into work 01:23 because you know people are relying on you to do your job 01:27 and if you don't come in, it's a big headache for a lot of other people as well.

Kat: 01:32 Yeah, not just for you.

Mark: Right.

Dead End Job

Mark: Have you ever been in a dead end job?

Kat: 00:03 Uhm, well the last time I was kind of in a dead end job was in university, uhm, 00:10 I definitely was not very career-oriented because I was still in school, 00:15 and I worked as a manager at a clothing store and 00:21 going for my Marketing degree, obviously I didn't want to be in Sales in a clothing store for the rest of my life, but 00:28 I needed it to pay bills and to pay for school and things like that, so I never felt like I was going anywhere with that job, 00:34 but it really didn't matter cuz I was in uni and it didn't... it wasn't going to affect anything.

Mark: 00:39 Right, it was there to just tide you over, I guess, pay the bills, so you could afford food and pay the rent.

Kat: 00:46 Yeah, definitely, because I mean when you think about the word, like a 'dead end', it's like there is nowhere to go, 00:54 you know, at the dead end of a street you have nowhere to go, you just have to turn around and go back. 00:59 I haven't been in the... in a dead end job since then, 01:02 everything else that I've done has been a step in the right direction for my career.

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Meet a Deadline

Mark: Okay so when you have to meet a deadline, what's happening? What's going on?

Kat: 00:05 Well, a deadline would be kind of the last possible minute you have to finish a job or finish a task, 00:12 so if my boss said 'Hey, your deadline's Tuesday, I need that paper in,' well, Tuesday is when it's due. That's my deadline.

Mark: 00:20 Right, when it's due, yeah, that's a good one. 00:22 It takes me back to uni, having to meet deadlines, I have (had) to write essays for a deadline, had to go to the English department and hand it in, 00:31 I remem(ber), my final year of uni, I had five consecutive deadlines on five days. 00:38 So Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, I had a deadline on every single day 00:43 and I think my blood type was RedBull by the end of the week. But yeah, I did it, got through it.

Kat: 00:50 Have you ever asked for an extension on a deadline or asked to push it back?

Mark: 00:55 Uh, not at uni, I don't think. Thankfully I haven't had too many deadlines to meet in my... in the jobs I've had as an adult. 01:03 Uh, but the university was very, like, uncompromising, uhm one time when I was in high school, 01:10 my uhm, my computer broke the day before the deadline, and my teacher gave me the weekend 01:17 uh, to recover the document because it was, yeah it was a word file 01:22 and I could hand that in a few days later, but yeah that was just once. How 'bout you?

Kat: 01:29 uhm, most deadlines are pretty unforgiving, so I had a lot of deadlines at work that I had to meet, 01:36 but to be honest, deadline sounds like you're under a lot of pressure, and I was never really under a lot of pressure, 01:42 I always got my work in on time and I never had to ask for an extension.

Heavy Workload

Mark: Okay, so as a teacher, when do you have a heavy workload?

Kat: 00:04 Well, I used to work in a private language school, which was an after school program, 00:09 and so when the kids were finished with their normal school activities, they'd come over to our language academy, 00:16 but in the spring and the summer, when they have breaks from school, that's probably my heaviest workload, 00:22 because I have lots of extra classes, uhm, I have to come in a little bit earlier, stay a little bit later. 00:28 It ends up being a little bit hectic and sometimes kind of stressful, especially depending upon the weather.

Mark: 00:35 Hmm, right. Yeah, I had a heavy workload during the summer, a lot of my students had a speech contest, 00:41 so I had to go in at least two hours early every day, spend an hour with the students, help them memorize, help them perfect like the pronunciation. 00:51 Yeah it was a lot of extra work, it was a bit of extra responsibility. Uh, it was pretty heavy, thankfully it only lasted like a month.

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Stuck Behind a Desk

Mark: Yeah, even though teaching can be hard work and can be pretty stressful at times, 00:05 uh at least I'm not stuck behind a desk. 00:08 I'm up on my feet, I'm moving around, I'm moving from classroom to classroom. 00:13 So, yeah I think... I don't think I would like an office job too much. 00:17 I wouldn't like to get stuck behind a desk. How would you feel being in that situation?

Kat: 00:22 Well, uh, I think, first of all, I'd probably feel really frustrated, probably doing the same thing over and over again. 00:30 I know plenty of people who are very happy working behind a desk all day on a computer, uhm, 00:35 they might be doing coding or they might work on the computer really well. 00:40 Or it's just something that they're very passionate about. Some artists seem like they're stuck behind a desk all day, but that's not really.. you know... it's more creative than that. 00:49 So, for me, yeah, I can't stay in one place all day, so the physical nature of sitting behind a desk all day doesn't... doesn't appeal to me at all.

Called (In) For an Interview

Mark: Okay, so, what's the difference being called for an interview and being called in for an interview?

Kat: 00:08 Okay, so when I think of getting called or being called for an t... for an interview, 00:12 I would think that someone has called me and... just to tell me I have an interview, it could be via Skype, it could be on the phone, 00:20 but if they called me in for an interview, I would... (weird pause) 00:24 I would assume that I would be going into their office to have a face to face interview.

Mark: 00:31 I think being called in is more important, it's slightly more serious, because they want to meet you face to face, 00:37 they wanna get to know you, they wanna see you in person, right? 00:41 So I think the pressure's on you as a candidate, in a face to face meeting. 00:47 So being called in, I think I'd feel a bit nervous, getting that phone call at home or an e-mail or whatever.

Kat: 00:53 Yeah, and I think being simply called for an interview and saying okay, we have a phone interview set up for you on Tuesday, 01:00 I would feel a little less pressure than I would if I was being called in.

Mark: 01:04 Yeah, I'd rather have it over the phone.

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Coworkers / Colleagues

Kat: So, who are the people that you work with?

Mark: 00:03 Uh, they're my colleagues, pretty much. I think that's a British thing, uhm, yeah, we're colleagues, 00:08 no matter where we work, whether it's in hospo, in a pub, in an office, 00:13 uh, or in a school, I think. Most British people will call them your colleague. Same for you?

Kat: 00:18 Well, for the most part, I would call them my coworkers, even if I were in a formal business meeting, with my boss, 00:25 I would say, 'My coworkers and I, we've done this this week.' 'This is what I do with my coworkers.' 'She's a coworker.' 00:33 Uhm, it would be, it would kind of be very, just, on the surface, that kind of relationship, uh, 00:39 it wouldn't be very deep. It would just be a 'Hi, how are you? What'd you do this weekend? Oh, that's great. 00:46 Uh, free coffee in the lunchroom. Uhm....

Mark: 00:48 Yeah, like small talk... right, right...by the water cooler.

Kat: Small talk. Exactly. Exactly. 00:52 So, now if we did, for some reason, develop a deeper relationship, then I would probably call them my work friends, or my friend from work. 01:00 That's when the line would kind of be crossed into a more meaningful relationship with someone that I work with.

Getting Fired

Mark: Okay, how would you feel if you got fired?

Kat: 00:04 Uhm, well I've never been fired, so, I hope that never happens, however I'm sure I would feel quite inadequate, 00:13 I would feel like I didn't do my job correctly. And I... Honestly, I would probably wonder why I was getting fired, 00:22 because I'm.... I try to be a hard worker and I try to do my job correctly, so 00:27 I would probably feel very confused and upset, and I think that would be a major blow to my ego as well.

Mark: 00:35 Right. uhm, I think yeah, 'getting sacked' is what we call it in the UK. 00:40 It's a phrase I like. Uh, if you get sacked, it's probably because you've made a lot of mistakes 00:44 or you don't.... well..... they can't fire you for not blending in, not being nice, 00:50 but it's mainly about your competence, it's about how well you did in that job. 00:55 I think most places give you like a three strike policy, like, you get one mistake, okay, two mistakes, 01:01 okay now you're being watched, three, okay go home.

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Getting Laid Off

Mark: Getting laid off? Is that any different?

Kat: 00:03 Well, uhm, I know where there's lots of mergers going on, and companies are becoming... 00:08 two companies are becoming one... you end up having a lot of people laid off. 00:13 In certain industries, like the space industry where I'm from, 00:17 uh sometimes contracts just end, and you're finished with your positions and you get laid off, you get a severance package 00:24 and they say goodbye, good luck on your next adventure kind of thing.

Mark: 00:28 Yeah, like, out of your control, when you're laid off. I think it's an executive or it's uhm a consultant company that's come through and deemed your position, 00:37 uh, kind of unnecessary, right? So I think I'd be more upset if I was fired than if I was laid off. 00:45 'Cause if I was laid off, it may be not necessarily my fault.

Quitting / Handing In Your 2 Weeks' Notice

Mark: Okay, so have you ever quit a job?

Kat: 00:04 Yeah, I have definitely quit a job before. 00:06 I was an intern in my first office job, and I was offered a position in the company after my internship ended, 00:14 however it wasn't quite the position I was hoping for, and it wasn't really on my career path, 00:21 so I chose not to accept the position, and I continued my internship but told them that I would be completing my internship 00:30 and that I would be quitting afterwards. So it was kind of a mixture of completion and quitting at the same time. 00:37 I put in my two week's notice, however, I did give them an extra two weeks when they asked me to stay on, to complete a couple of extra projects. 00:45 So, it just kind of depends on the company and your schedule and if you've already got a new job lined up or anything like that.

Mark: mm, right. 00:54 yeah I think.. I've quit two jobs in the past, uh both times I've handed in my notice, 01:00 under, like, under good circumstances, I've never burned any bridges, 01:04 I haven't made any enemies or left halfway through a shift, like, thrown all my stuff on the floor and just stormed out. 01:12 Uh, but yeah, so quit two jobs and uh, yeah, never looked back.

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Being Your Own Boss

Kat: Okay, so for being your own boss, uh, what would it kind of mean to you to be your own boss?

Mark: 00:06 Mm, it would mean that I'm self-employed, uh, it means that I'm trying to start something up by myself. 00:11 I'm trying to run my own business, so I've got to motivate myself, I've gotta set my own schedule. 00:18 Uh, I've gotta kick myself up the bum, if I'm being lazy or I'm not being productive enough. Right. 00:23 I dunno, would you like to be your own boss?

Kat: 00:26 Uhm, yeah, I.. I'd love it, although I do sometimes have a problem with self-motivation. 00:31 Uhm, I've always been like that, uhm anytime I want to start an exercise program or a diet of any sort, 00:39 I don't always have that self-motivation, or I do for a short period of time, but then I sort of lose interest. 00:46 Uh, I do have a friend, she's her own boss, she runs her own business, and she, she loves it, 00:53 but she works really hard and she's very self-motivated.

Mark: 00:56 Right, yeah, if I meet someone who is their own boss, I'd be pretty impressed by them, honestly, and I'd probably ask them for some advice on how to keep going.

Kat: Right, 01:06 we all need some advice about that.

Mark: Absolutely.

Cushy Job

Kat: Okay, so what do you think of when you think of a cushy job?

Mark: 00:05 A cushy job? I think of an easy job, something where you're... you're... you don't have that many tasks, 00:10 you don't have that many deadlines, uh, the jobs you have to do are very simple, very easy, or maybe quite repetitive, 00:18 uh, it's probably quite hard to get sacked as well. If you're in, like, a massive company, where there's so many employees all doing tiny things, then, 00:26 maybe that's an example. I dunno, can you think of any more examples?

Kat: 00:29 Well, uhm, I think I was in a cushy job at one point. 00:34 My very first job was..., in my adult life, my very first job was a position as an intern, 00:42 and at the beginning I was working really hard, and I was getting things done and no one seemed to pay attention, 00:49 so, I continued that for a while, but about 3 or 4 months in, I realized that nobody gave a shit what I did, 00:56 and that kind of changed it to a cushy job, no one hounded me about deadlines, no one even asked me or sent me projects to do, I was sort of forgotten for about 6 to 7 months, 01:09 and those were a really nice and easy 6 to 7 months.

Mark: 01:13 Cushy days? Yeah, cushy days. No one gives a shit. I think that sums it up right pretty well. Right.

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High-Powered Job

Kat: Okay, so how would you describe a high-powered job, maybe a high-powered position, like a CEO, 00:08 in a high-powered company, maybe a Fortune 500 company.

Mark: 00:12 Mm, it sounds kind of glamorous, doesn't it? Like you think of... like you said, a CEO.
00:17 Uh, someone way at the top of the tower in a big skyscraper somewhere, but uh, yeah high salary, uhm 00:25 high levels of responsibility. I think you have to, uhm, you've gotta be a good multi-tasker as well. 00:33 Uh, on the other side, I think it's a lot of responsibility, and if you.. if something goes wrong, then it's... it's kind of, it's on your head, so the responsibility comes with its own risk. 00:45 So, I don't know if I'd like to have a high-powered position. Would you?

Kat: 00:51 Uhm, absolutely not. I think I like to be responsible for me and only me. If I felt that kind of pressure from my job to make the numbers 01:02 or to have a certain amount of staff bringing in a certain amount of product, 01:06 whatever it is, I think the pressure would get to me, and I don't think the money would be worth it.

Mark: 01:11 Yeah, the stress, right? Yeah, not for me either.

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Team Player

Kat: Okay, so what are some characteristics of a good team player?

Mark: 00:04 Uh, I think a good team player is someone who's open to compromise, like if an idea is different from their own, they should be willing to, 00:11 I dunno, listen to the other team's opinion, they should be able to take it on board and make the changes to the task, 00:19 uh the... or whatever they're dealing with at the time. 00:26 Probably be really good at communicating as well. If you can't explain your idea, then, it's going to be difficult for other people to understand what you want, 00:34 and I think you've got to have a certain level of energy, you've got to be kind of energetic. 00:40 Not necessarily like the motivator of the group, but I think everyone's attitude makes a difference to the team as a whole. 00:49 So I think you've got to be enthusiastic about it, supportive. 00:54 Uhm, yeah, I mean, have you had much experience working in teams?

Kat: 00:57 Yeah, I tend to be a very dominant team player, uhm, 01:02 if someone's not doing their job or not being a team player, I'm the first one to call them out. 01:08 Uhm, I'm always very confident in groups, because I like to see what tasks need to be completed, 01:15 uhm if I feel like we have a weak team member, then I'll try to bring up the slack if they aren't doing what they're supposed to be doing. 01:25 So, I wouldn't say that I'm necessarily a good team player, because I do try to dominate the group a bit and I'm a bit over-enthusiastic at times, 01:34 but at the same time, it's the end goal that's important to me, not just making friends in my group.

Well-Paid

Mark: Okay, so what are some well-paid jobs where you're from?

Kat: 00:06 Well, some high paying or well paying jobs from where I come from is probably going to be in the oil and gas industry. 00:16 Those are some really high paying jobs. Engineers, chemical engineers, accountants, really any.. any job, 00:26 uhm, but if you can get one in those companies, those are gonna be very high paying.

Mark: 00:30 mm, yeah I think engineers all over the world are quite well-paid, right? And you find engineers all over the world, 00:36 they're always in every country working on some project.