

Topic: On The Job

Let's get started... When you were a child, what job did you want to do when you grew up? Shh . . don't tell. Write it on a piece of paper, but don't write your name. Put all the papers in the middle of the table. Read the papers and everyone guess - who is it?

Did you change your mind about what you wanted to do after you grew up? Why or why not?

Story: In the movie, **Catch Me If You Can**, a high school student named Frank forges checks. He pretends to be an airplane pilot, a lawyer, a doctor and a professor. Frank is not trained for any of those jobs. But he pretends he can do the jobs and he fools people. An FBI agent works hard to catch Frank and stop him, but it is very hard to do. Finally, Frank goes



to jail. Later on, he helps police to catch criminals and to create special checks that criminals can not copy (forge). This movie is based on a true story. What do you think of this story? How long does it take to really train for one of Frank's many jobs?



In pairs, ask and answer these questions:

What was your first job? If you've never worked, what would you like your first job to be? What's the best job you've had?

Share one of your partner's answers with the group.

Ask 3 people in your group - do you like these kinds of jobs? Explain why or why not.

Name	Outdoor jobs 	Office jobs 	Technical jobs 	People jobs 	Government jobs 

Discussion Questions - talk in pairs or small groups:

Work can be paid or unpaid; at home or at a business. Tell about a work experience that was
funny

scary

difficult

life-changing



Do you talk about your work with your spouse, children, parents or friends? What **do** you tell them? What **don't** you tell them? Why?

When your spouse, children, parents or friends want to talk to you about **their** work, do you like to listen? Do you think people **should** or **should not** talk about their work at home or on their days off? Why or why not?

Did you change jobs when you moved to a new country? Why or why not? Explain how the move affected your work.



Imagine that you have one free hour with a job counselor. What would you like to talk about? What questions would you want to ask?



What parts of speaking English would you like to improve in for work (or for talking with people in the community?) Do you want to speak and understand your boss, coworkers, customers or suppliers? Give examples.

Do you want to read and write better for work (or to help your family?) Give examples.

Imagine that your coworker tells you, "I can't come to work today because my sister is visiting. Please tell the boss that I am sick." What do you do? Has something like this happened in your experience? What did you do?

Imagine that a new employee is hired in your department and that she's having a hard time getting her work done. What do you do: help her, ignore her, tell other people that she's not a good employee, or something else? Has something like this happened in your experience? What did you do?



New vocabulary: change your mind, "catch me if you can", forges, pretends, fools, FBI agent, jail, checks, job counselor, improve, suppliers, ignore

Keep talking about it this week: Ask friends to tell you about their jobs.

Write down their answers and be ready to share with the group at the next Talk Time.

More on jobs: <http://www.welchway.com/Management/Career-Management/What-Should-I-Do-with-My-Life-/What-Should-I-do-with-My-Life-.aspx>