

Unit 7 – Worlds of Work

B1 Oral Exam Task

Situation:

You are talking to a group about modern work life.

Part 1 – List

List three changes in the world of work that are mentioned in the text.

Part 2 – Compare

Give one advantage and one disadvantage of working from home.

Part 3 – Give your opinion

Give your opinion: Who should pay for training & new skills – workers, employers, or both? Say why and give an example.

Read text before you prepare your answer:

“Work life has changed a lot in the last 20 years. In the past, many people worked in the same company for a long time and went to the office every day. Today, more people have flexible jobs. Some people work from home, and many companies use hybrid work, which means working partly at home and partly in the office.

Technology is one reason for these changes. People can now use emails, video calls, and online tools to work with others in different places. This can save time and make work faster. However, it can also cause problems. Some workers feel they must always be available, and it can be difficult to relax after work.

Many workers also want different things now. They often want a better work-life balance, meaningful work, and chances to learn new skills. Because jobs and technology change quickly, people may need to study or train during their career. Some companies offer training, but many people also learn by themselves.

Experts say good workplaces need trust, clear communication, and flexible plans, so both workers and employers can succeed.”