

ENGLISH

Level 6

Small Talk

What has been going on this week? Anything new?

Heard any interesting news or gossip recently?

What's the weather forecast for tomorrow?

Speaking Questions

In what ways can tobacco use be reduced in this country?

You have made a \$100 bet that you can make your friend dress like a panda. How do you win this bet?

Why are singers and actors celebrities? Why are farmers and bus drivers not?

Notes:

- More resources: www.ab51.org
- Speaking practice can be arranged: djamiewills@gmail.com
- Delicious Wednesday English Corner: wechat group 美味周三英语角



Vocabulary: Jobs (review)

executive chief executive officer (CEO)
 chief financial officer (CFO) computer programmer
 President Prime Minister politician consultant
 health and safety inspector spokesperson
 line manager advisor (financial, legal, etc.)

Which job:

- gets the highest salary?
- meets the most interesting people?
- receives the most additional perks?
- would you consider doing?



Western Culture: Prohibition (review)

What was prohibition?

Why was it introduced, and when?

How did people get around the prohibition laws?

Why was prohibition a catalyst for a rise in organised crime?

What did FDR say when repealing the prohibition law?

Skills: Puns (review)

A pun is a play on words, usually for comical effect

Celebrities are cool because of their fans.

"You're a pig. Clean this room!"

"I'd rather be a pig than a nag."

People should never go hungry in the desert: they can eat the sand which is there.

Dialogue: Job Interview (part 2)

Interviewer: Was there a particular reason you left **Auld Reekie** and came **down south**?

Emili: I came here after I finished university and was offered a job here. **Beggars can't be choosers** in the current job market.

Interviewer: **Indeed**, the competition for work is **insane** these days; I don't want to **put you off** but we had 73 applicants for this position. Anyway, must have been a little scary coming down by yourself. Do you go home very much?

Emili: Once or twice a year. Not that often.

Interviewer: And you went to university in Edinburgh?

Emili: That's right. I studied computer programming, which was OK. **Walked away** with a **2:1**, which was OK, although I would have liked a first.

Interviewer: Of course. Alright, let's talk a little about your work experience. What sort of work have you done since you came to London?

Emili: Well, obviously I've done the IT analyst job, although before that I was also a part-time courier.

Interviewer: Interesting. Can I ask which of those you enjoyed the most?

Emili: I actually quite enjoyed the courier work, but **there is only so far you can go in that business**. It's not really a career.



Grammar: Even though vs. Despite

"although x is true, y is also surprisingly true"

Despite being beautiful, most people hate her.

Even though he is tall he is terrible at basketball.

The rule

1. Despite + noun
2. Despite + verb/adverb phrase
3. Even though + simple clause

1. *Despite his gun, he was scared.*
2. *Despite holding a gun, he was scared.*
3. *Even though he was holding a gun, he was scared.*



Linking Phrases: Similarity & Relations

equally – Dave likes to eat ice cream. He is equally fond of cake. This is why he is fat.

Philip is attracted to girls who have short hair. He equally likes girls who are tall. But, he doesn't want a tall girl with short hair.

likewise – We're both in trouble with our girlfriends. I'm going to buy her some flowers, and I suggest you do likewise.

Jerry found that he liked the class. The teacher, likewise, enjoyed having him there.

similarly – Dave is good at drinking. Anna is similarly good.

Anti-government feeling increased because of the war. Similarly, distrust in politicians as a whole rose

correspondingly – When expenses rise, the company's profits fall correspondingly.

The rise in student numbers means the faculty work load is correspondingly high.

in the same way – Jerry looked at the pizza in the same way a hungry lion would look at a limping zebra.

'Shall we' gives a suggestion in English in the same way 'ba' does in Chinese.