

Lesson 72

How did you get into that?

Target: Having a conversation about your career path.

Vocabulary

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Career path



Related vocabulary

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| - to have expertise in... | - an avenue | - a job vacancy |
| - one's plans for the future | - corporate culture | - a scholarship |
| - to get into something | - a high-school diploma / a degree | - a growing field |
| - to end up as / in / ~ing | - a technical school | - to be self-taught |
| - to get in at the ground floor | - an entry level position | - to have connections |
| - a start up (company) | - a mid / quarter life crisis | - a rebound job |
| - to go back to school | - one's career trajectory | - a recession gig |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. Have you ever considered going back to school?
2. What are your plans for the future?
3. What do you have a lot of expertise in?
4. How did you get into _____ing?
5. Have you ever worked a rebound job before?
6. Is your career trajectory on target?
7. How did you end up in your current position?
8. What's the difference between a career and a job?
9. Did you work your way up from an entry level position at your company to your current position?
10. Do you think lots of people are working recession gigs because of the bad economy?

Partner #2: Questions

1. Have you ever won a scholarship? What's your opinion of scholarships?
2. What's the corporate culture like at your company?
3. Would you prefer to work for a startup or an established company?
4. If you quit your job tomorrow, would there be some avenues that you could pursue?
5. What kind of things happen when someone experiences a mid life crises?
6. What are some of the benefits to getting in at the ground floor?
7. Do you have any good connections?
8. Are there a lot of job vacancies at the moment?
9. What are three situations in which you would change jobs tomorrow?
10. Are you relatively self-taught, or did you undergo lots of training?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

1. **Role play:** Partner #1: You are thinking of resigning tomorrow because you found a better job.
Partner #2: You want your partner to stay. Persuade them not to quit.
2. **Speech:** Tell your partner about your plans for the future.
3. **Speech:** Tell a story about someone who had a really interesting career.
4. **Debate:** You think scholarships are a waste of money, but your partner doesn't agree.