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2. Do you think a job interview is easy? What is **challenging** about them?
3. Do you have **team building days** and **professional development courses** at your company? Do you think they are **helpful**?
4. Do you know anybody who has **been made redundant**? Why **were they let go**? Why are companies **forced to make cutbacks**? Can you think of any big **lay-offs** in your country because of the **recession**? Do you know anybody who has been **unfairly dismissed** from his job? Why are some people **fired from** their jobs sometimes?
5. What are the steps for people who **are out of work** and looking for one? Are **jobcentres** efficient? Do you know people who have been **on the dole** for a long time? For how long can people **claim unemployment benefits** in your country?
6. Do you think it's worth having a **pension plan**?
7. Can you think of some jobs in which people have a **vested interest** or **an axe to grind**?
8. Do any of your colleagues **beat about the bush** at meetings? Are there any who **sit on the fence**? Or any who **speak their mind**? What do you think about colleagues who **have a tendency to play devil's advocate**? Would you consider any of your colleagues **detail-obsessed nit-pickers**? Are there any **last-minute deadline junkies**? Do you fit in any of these categories?

**2. Partner A:** Below there are some issues related to the topic. You must talk about at least two of them for 1,5 minutes approx. you may be asked further questions about the topic when you have finished.

1. Would you refuse a certain job even though it was **well-paid**? What would be the reasons why you would **hand in your resignation**?
2. How did you find your **current job**? What do you find **satisfying** about it? Is it **demanding**? Do you have to do any **gruelling** tasks? Can it be **hectic** where you work at times? Are you **painstaking** about your work?
3. How do you **strike a balance between** your career and your family life?

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**TOPIC 6: JOBS**

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1. Do school and university prepare students for **the world of work**? Are these jobs better paid than **menial jobs**?
2. Would you **volunteer to** work overseas? Consider the positive and negative aspects of it.
3. Comment on this quote: "As sure as the spring will follow the winter, prosperity and **economic growth** will follow **recession**."