

Future plans: Life after graduation

Pre-task:

Have a look online to see what the university of your tandem partner is offering in terms of career planning and support (e.g. by looking for careers or employability services). Tell your partner about your findings and if what is on offer is similar to the careers support of your own university.



Image 1

Task 1:

Discuss with your partner to what extent you feel well-supported by your university with regards to career planning. Do you think that supporting students in their career planning is something a university should offer?

Compare to what extent you have had a chance so far to gain work experience during your studies and experience with job interviews.

Task 2:



Image 2

Simulation of a job interview

Have a look together at [this website](#) and try to find an advert for an interesting graduate job.

The advert is the basis for a role play in which you are meant to simulate a job interview together. Read the job advert together and see if any vocabulary needs clarification.

Decide who will act as applicant and who as employer. Before you begin the role play, discuss which form of address would be appropriate (use of first name versus surname).

Role 1: Applicant

You have applied for a graduate job and have been invited for an interview, which is conducted online. Try to answer the questions of the employer as detailed and convincingly as possible. You can also ask questions yourself to find out more about the job.

If offered, decide whether you would accept the job.

Role 2: Employer

Your company is looking to hire a graduate. You have found a suitable candidate for the job and invited him/her for an online interview. Conduct the interview and ask questions to find out as much as possible about the candidate and their experience. Decide at the end of the interview whether you would like to offer the candidate the job.

Suggestions for questions:

Tell us a bit about yourself.

Why did you choose your degree subject?

What can you bring to this role?

Why do you want to work for us?

What has been your greatest achievement to date?

What is your biggest strength?

Describe a situation where you worked successfully in a team.

Task 3:

Discuss the following questions:

- What skills have you acquired in the course of your studies? How could they be useful for your future career?
- How common is it in your country to pursue a Master's Degree or a Doctorate? Do you have any plans yourself to pursue Postgraduate Studies?
- Looking ahead - do you have any idea where you will be, or where you would like to be, in five years, both in your professional and private life?

Sources

Image 1

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Image 2

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Link 1 <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/browse-graduate-jobs>