

INTERACTION: WORK C1.2

Preparation time: 2 min

Speaking time: 4-5 min

TOPIC: WORK

Consider the following statements regarding work.

- Talk to each other about how these statements represent different challenges on the work front.
- Then decide together which statement represents the most positive development for workers.

- In Spain, a government decree that went into effect on May 12 forces companies of all sizes to keep records of when employees start and end their working day. The goal is to clamp down on unpaid overtime.
- Flexible working is truly a win-win situation for both employers and employees, resulting in improved success and profits for any business. So much so that companies who don't offer flexible working will soon find they are no longer able to attract the best talent.
- The Wellcome Trust is considering moving all staff to a four-day week to boost productivity and improve work-life balance. This biomedical research foundation is planning to trial the dramatic shift in working patterns this autumn, giving all 800 of its London-based head office employees Fridays off without a reduction in pay.

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