The Podcast – Francesca

Listen to the interview with Francesca.

1 Complete the following table with the correct information.

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Listen again and complete the following.

2 Circle the correct information.

a) Francesca communicates with her clients by fax / email / phone / MSN Messenger.

b) Francesca uses newspapers / magazines / the internet to do her research.

c) Francesca works with clients based in France / Canada / America.

3 Answer the following questions.

1 Who normally goes on a press trip requested by a client?
2 Where did Francesca get the opportunity to go last year?
3 What does Francesca say is difficult in her job?
4 How often does Francesca use English in her job?

4 Decide if the following statements about how she got her job are true (T) or false (F).

1 Francesca used to work in her own agency. □
2 She got her current job thanks to a friend. □
3 Francesca doesn’t really like her current job. □
4 Francesca would not like to work on her own. □

Discuss in pairs.

5 Francesca says that all jobs have positive and negative aspects. Do you feel the same or do you think there is such a thing as a perfect job? What would be a perfect job for you?
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Teacher’s Notes

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a) email, phone  b) the internet  c) Canada

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1 journalists and photographers (occasionally she also accompanies the group)
2 Brazil and the Mediterranean Sea
3 That some clients don’t understand that deadlines are important. She spends a lot of time chasing clients for information.
4 She mostly speaks Spanish with her clients but sometimes speaks English.

4

1 T  2 T  3 F  4 F – She would like to be a freelance.

5

As an alternative, put the students into two groups and have a debate on the subject.

Note on the transcript:
A few words in the transcript of the podcast are highlighted. These are either grammatical errors or else a misuse of a word or phrase. With stronger students, you may consider eliciting a corrected transcript.

Suggested corrections:

... we catch information on the internet ...  
we get information from the internet / we look for information on the internet

... journalists who are interested to go to these places ...
journalists who are interested in going to these places

... I find this job by chance ...
I found this job by chance

... a friend tell me ...
a friend told me