

Homeworking

Level

Intermediate

Tasks

Matching verbs with nouns to create some collocations
 Scanning a paragraph for data about home businesses
 Reading an article about home businesses in the UK
 Deciding if words in the article are nouns, verbs or both
 Discussing a question and completing a task arising from the article

How to use the lesson

- 1 Tell the students that the lesson is about working from home. Hand out the worksheet and ask students to match the verbs in the first box with ones in the second. Elicit students' answers. Students can create sentences to practise these words.

Answers

<i>Start up a company</i>	<i>Reduce costs</i>
<i>Run a company</i>	<i>Boost turnover</i>
<i>Find customers</i>	<i>Develop new products</i>

- 2 Ask students to look at the report extract. They can guess which is the correct information. Students scan paragraph two of the article to check their answers.

Answers: 1 – b 2 – c

- 3 Students read the complete article about homeworking. Ask them to tell you some of the benefits and drawbacks of working from home mentioned. You may wish to look at any useful vocabulary, such as: *credit crunch* / *enterprise* / *loan* / *productivity* / *venture*.

- 4 Ask students to decide if the words in the list are verbs, nouns or both

Answers

Nouns: *customers* / *turnover* / *product* / *growth* / *colleague* / *enterprise* / *connection*
Verbs: *develop* / *start up* / *compete*
Both: *credit* / *report* / *service* / *risk* / *break* / *increase* / *benefit* / *win*

- 5 Students discuss the question and complete the task in small groups. Ask groups to report back on their ideas to the whole class. Finish the lesson by providing language feedback.

Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.enterprisenation.com/content/Home.aspx>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_business
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/7816891.stm>
<http://www.experienced-people.co.uk/5002-home-based-business-ideas/>