

The Podcast – Ilona

Listen to the interview with Ilona.

1 Put the following sentences in the order that you hear them.

- Ilona's experience in the UK so far
- Ilona's future in Lithuania
- Ilona's studies
- Lunchtime in the workplace
- The Business* Experience competition
- The older generation and studying English in Lithuania

Listen again and complete the following.

2 Complete the first paragraph with the correct words.

I'm a _____ student. I'm in my _____ year of studies. I study in a _____ university. The _____ of instruction is English so I'm a little bit _____ that when I go out to working _____ in Lithuania I will know all the English terms and not _____ Lithuanian ones.

3 Tick (✓) the subjects that Ilona has studied on her business course so far.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> communication | <input type="checkbox"/> management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> finance | <input type="checkbox"/> marketing |

4 Circle the correct information.

- 1 Ilona is 22 / 28 / 32 years old.
- 2 Pupils can learn *German* / *Russian* / *Spanish* / *Italian* / *French* at school in Lithuania.
- 3 *The Business* Experience competition prize is three *days*' / *weeks*' work experience in the *US* / *UK*.
- 4 Officer workers in Lithuania eat their lunch *at their desks* / *in a canteen* / *in shopping centres*.
- 5 Ilona says she is *competitive* / *creative* / *caring* and *would like* / *doesn't want* to do routine activities in her future job.

Discuss in pairs.

5 Ilona mentions the 'working from home' option in some workplaces in Britain. What do you think this means? Does this option exist in your country? List the advantages and disadvantages of this way of working. Compare your ideas with a partner.

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Teacher's Notes

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Correct order: 5, 3, 1, 6, 4, 2

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I'm a business student. I'm in my third year of studies. I study in a private university. The language of instruction is English so I'm a little bit worried that when I go out to working life in Lithuania I will know all the English terms and not enough Lithuanian ones.

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communication, human resources, marketing

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- 1 22
- 2 German, Russian, French
- 3 weeks', UK
- 4 in shopping centres
- 5 creative, doesn't want

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Ask students what they think about the idea of working from home. Some workers may work four days in the office and one day at home. In pairs or groups, students should list the advantages and disadvantages of being away from the office one or more days a week. You could divide the class into two groups where one group focuses on the advantages and the other on the disadvantages.

