The Podcast – Jemma

Listen to the interview with Jemma.

1 Tick (✓) the subjects that Jemma talks about.

□ her daily routine
□ lunchtimes
□ her relationship with her boss
□ car parking facilities
□ the atmosphere at work
□ commuting to work
□ what she wanted to be when she was a child

Listen again and complete the following.

2 Complete the first paragraph with the correct words.

I work for an ____________ company and I work in ____________ marketing. I look at ____________ statistics, monitoring visits and ____________ to the site. I update the ____________ for my company and look at the ____________ and the customer ____________ on the site as well. The main website is ____________ at a multitude of different people.

3 Answer the following questions:

1 What is the first thing that Jemma usually does when she arrives at work?
2 What does Jemma say about lunchtimes?
3 How does Jemma describe her working environment and the people she works with?
4 What job did Jemma want to do when she was younger?
5 Why did she not choose this career path in the end?
6 What type of company did Jemma work for before her current job?

Discuss in pairs.

4 Jemma talks a bit about what her company does for people’s health and wellbeing. Do you think a company has a duty to pay attention to people’s health and wellbeing or do you think it is up to the individual? Compare your ideas with a partner.
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**Teacher’s Notes**

1. her daily routine, lunchtimes, the atmosphere at work, what she wanted to be when she was a child

2. I work for an __internet__ company and I work in __online__ marketing. I look at __web__ statistics, monitoring visits and __traffic__ to the site. I update the __websites__ for my company and look at the __content__ and the customer __experience__ on the site as well. The main website is __aimed__ at a multitude of different people.

3. 1. has a strong cup of coffee
  2. they have an hour for lunch, they have an area where they can go and eat and bring their own food or there are loads of places locally, such as cafés, where they can go and eat
  3. really friendly and everybody buys into the company values, there a good ethos and everybody works closely together, relaxed atmosphere
  4. nurse
  5. she couldn’t stand the sight of blood
  6. an international publishing house

4. Before you start, ask students to make a note of what Jemma says about what her company does for its workers. You may need to listen to the recording for a third time for this exercise. Then ask students to list other things that a company may do for its employees. Discuss your ideas about a company’s duty to its workers and their health and wellbeing.