

The Podcast – Margaret

Listen to the interview with Margaret.

1 Tick ✓ the subjects that Margaret talks about.

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lunchtime	<input type="checkbox"/>	office gossip	<input type="checkbox"/>
the atmosphere at work	<input type="checkbox"/>	dress code	<input type="checkbox"/>

Listen again and complete the following.

2 Circle the correct information.

- 1 *Twice / Once* a week Margaret plays *tennis / badminton / hockey* during her lunch hour.
- 2 Margaret says her job is *varied / monotonous / stimulating / vague*.
- 3 Margaret *walks / drives / travels by bus* to work.

3 Decide if the following are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Margaret doesn't always manage to take a break at lunchtime.
- 2 Margaret suffers from a repetitive strain injury.
- 3 It is important for Margaret to have a good relationship with her boss.
- 4 Margaret wears a suit to work.

4 Answer the following questions.

- 1 What is an ergonomics assessment?
- 2 What gives Margaret a sense of achievement in her job?
- 3 What did Margaret not like about her previous job?

Discuss in pairs

5 Margaret talks about what's important when it comes to her job and the place where she works. What do you think are the most important things to consider when applying for a job? What makes a good employer / company to work for?

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Teacher's Notes

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working hours, lunchtime, the atmosphere at work, commuting to work, dress code

2

- 1 Twice, badminton
- 2 varied, stimulating
- 3 walks

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- 1 true
- 2 false
- 3 true
- 4 false

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- 1 it is a test to make sure people are sitting at the desks correctly so that they don't develop any repetitive strain injuries
- 2 seeing the final product and knowing that someone likes it
- 3 having to do preparation for class the night before

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Ask students to discuss what they consider to be important factors when deciding on which company to work for. What makes a company a good employer to work for?