

Business culture in your country frequency expressions discuss and agree

Use frequency expressions like “Once or twice a year” and “Almost never” to make general statements about business culture in your country. You can also make statements about smaller groups of people such as middle managers, directors or male office workers. Your partner will agree or disagree and/ or compare to other countries, then do the same with other statements.

In this country	(top/ middle) managers	...	argue
In my country	employees/ staff		bow
In this company	new recruits		carry business cards
In my company	(admin/ data entry) clerks		change job/ department/ branch
In this sector	colleagues/ co-workers		chat at work
In my sector	engineers		complain
In my section			do (unpaid) overtime
			drink in meetings/ eat in meetings
			drink together/ get drunk
			eat at their desk
			enjoy working
			get angry
			give gifts
			go home early
			go on business trips
			have breakfast meetings
			have fun at work
			have long (summer) vacations
			have lunch meetings
			have meetings in cafés
			have parties
			have pointless meetings
			hug
			joke at work
			kiss on the cheek
			overwork
			shake hands
			take a break/ relax at work
			take (language/ professional) exams
			take time off sick
			use family names/ use last names
			use first names/ use given names
			use PowerPoint
			use social media
			visit...
			wear a tie
			wear a uniform
			wear casual clothes at work
			work at weekends
			work late/ work long hours