

Work plus preposition in IELTS Speaking Parts One and Two

Without writing in the gaps for now, decide if each sentence below is about a time in the past, present or future:

I had a summer job _____ a department store, but I didn't like it and I left after two weeks.

I'd like to work _____ a journalist

I work part-time _____ a shop assistant

I want to work _____ a foreign company

I couldn't work _____ children or old people

I would prefer to work _____ a big company.

My mother used to work _____ a receptionist.

My brother is going to work _____ a charity next summer.

My father is working _____ the Osaka office of this company at the moment.

Fill each gap in the sentences about work above with one word.

Check your answers as a class.

Which sentences above do you think are true for your partner?

Make similar sentences which you think are true for your partner.

Make past, present and future versions of each of these questions:

Where _____ (work)?

Who _____ (work for)?

What _____ (work as)?

Who _____ (work with)?

Ask and answer the 12 questions in pairs, using the example answers above to help if you like.

Use similar vocabulary to speak about the Part Two tasks on the next page for one or two minutes, then answer a follow-up question from your partner.

IELTS Speaking Part Two tasks on work

Student A

Talk about a job you have done or would like to do in the future

You should say:

- How you chose that job
 - What the good things about that job are
 - What the difficulties of doing that job are
- And describe how it is different to other jobs

Student B

Talk about a job someone you know does

You should say:

- How long they have had that job
 - What the good things about that job are
 - What the difficulties of doing that job are
- And say if you think that job suits that person and why