

Work and jobs

Situation 1

- Hello. How lovely to see you again. It's a long time since we met.
 - Nice to see you.
- What's the news? What are you doing these days? Are you still working as a teacher?
 - No, I have changed my job.
- Oh, really? Why did you give up your previous job?
 - It was more and more difficult to support my family and I felt my work was unadequately paid.
- What do you do then?
 - I work as a sales executive for a foreign trade company.
- Are you pleased with it?
 - Absolutely. The bonuses are pretty good and the chances of advancement seem to be quite favourable. On top of it all I earn twice as much as I did before.
- I'm very glad to hear that.

Situation 2

- Hi. You seem to be upset.
 - No wonder. I had an argument with my boss the other day and I have been given the sack.
- Poor you!
 - I've got to find a new job urgently. What on earth shall I do now?
- Don't panic! Everything will take a turn for the better, you will see.
 - What do you suggest I should do?
- Well, I would certainly look through the newspaper ads or would go to the job centre if I were you.
 - Perhaps you are right. Thank you very much for your advice. Bye-bye.
- See you and cheer up. Don't forget that you can always count on me.

Situation 3

- Hello. You look desperate. I hope there is nothing the matter.

- Just imagine. I handed in my notice yesterday.

- That's terrible! What made you do it?

- It was simply unbearable that my boss was always doing me an injustice.

- Didn't you turn to the trade union committee with your complaint?

- I did, but in vain. I haven't got a clue how to set about finding another job. Couldn't you give me some useful advice?

- Why don't you place an advertisement in a newspaper or on the net?

- That's a very good idea. Thanks for the advice, I'll certainly try it.

- Best of luck and don't worry. I'm sure everything will be all right and you will find a new job soon.