

# **Course: Advanced**

## **Level 3**

Day №25

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**When you were a child, what did you want to be?**



**What is your job now?**

**Are you happy/satisfied with your current job?**

**Why or why not?**

## Career Choice

Leno has been offered two jobs, but he and his friend Bruce disagree about which one is the better offer. Listen to their conversation.

**Leno:** So, how's your job search going?

**Bruce:** Great! You won't believe this—I got a job offer from Promolix! Oh, and one from Ecolene, too.

**Leno:** Congratulations! That sounds like an easy choice. Promolix is a chemical company. Yuck!

**Bruce:** So what?

**Leno:** Well, Ecolene is a dynamic company. It specializes in environmentally friendly products, right? The president's a woman—it's a very progressive company. You can dress casual... Sounds like the perfect job.

**Bruce:** Actually, I'm thinking about taking the Promolix job.

**Leno:** You're thinking about taking the Promolix job? You're kidding!

**Bruce:** Listen, I'd be crazy to say no. It pays a lot more than Ecolene and it's a much bigger company.

**Leno:** But you'll be a robot in a suit! Is that what you want? The salary may be bigger, but you'll work—what?—70 hours a week!

**Bruce:** Well, you have to work hard to succeed.

**Leno:** Maybe, but they make chemicals that are terrible for the environment. Weren't they involved in an illegal dumping scandal?

**Bruce:** That could happen to any company. Besides, who knows how long a small company like Ecolene will be around? I don't see any advantage to working there.

**Leno:** Really? Well, less stress is one thing. And they're more socially responsible. I'm sure Ecolene has a more creative work environment—not just competition for the next promotion.

**Bruce:** Honestly, are you being a bit naive? Business is all about competition. And in a big company you have more room to move up.

**Leno:** If I were you, I'd take a bit less money and have a better life.

**Bruce:** To be honest, that sounds a bit lazy to me. I have big dreams. I want to succeed.

**Leno:** Well, I don't think money and a big office can make someone happy. I think you're making a mistake.





**Are the sentences true or false? Write T, F or NI (not enough information) in the spaces provided before the number.**

- \_\_\_ 1. Bruce would consider Ecolene if it paid more money.
- \_\_\_ 2. Leno thinks that Bruce should choose a company with a good work environment.
- \_\_\_ 3. Bruce doesn't mind working in a competitive environment.
- \_\_\_ 4. Bruce and Leno agree about what success is.
- \_\_\_ 5. Bruce and Leno agree about which job offer is better.



# Word power

Discuss the definition of the words below.

Use the word/s to discuss the situation we have just read.

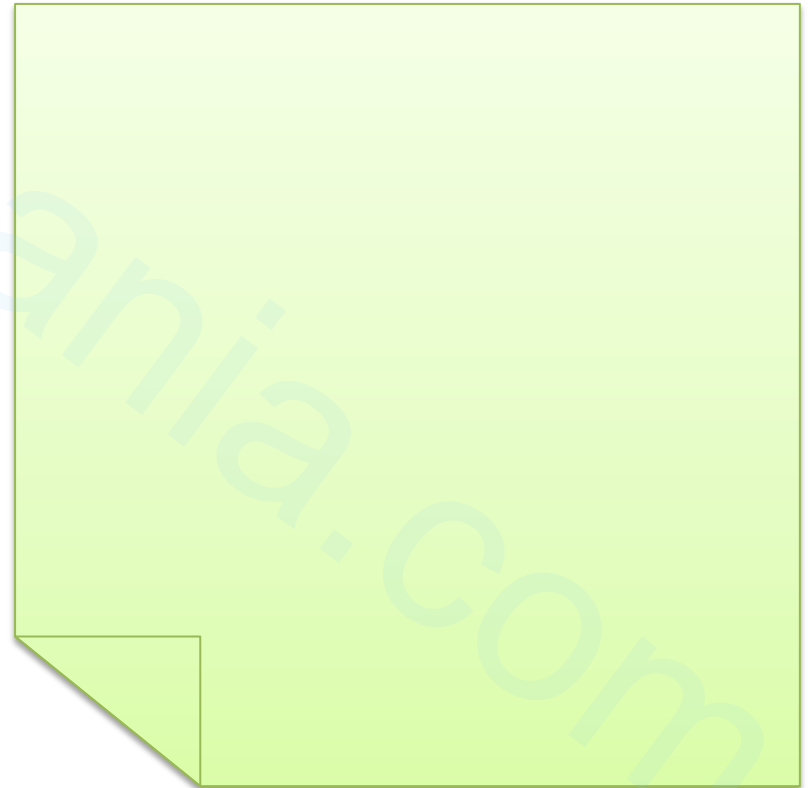


1. **Dynamic**
2. **Socially responsible**
3. **Scandal**
4. **Promotion**




# Discussion

Enumerate the factors that you consider in choosing a career.






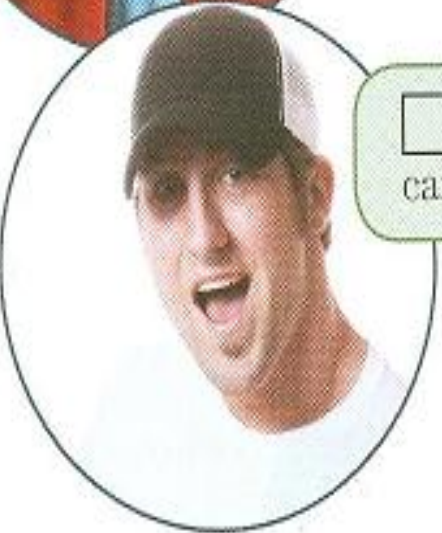
Read the opinions below. Who makes the strongest point? (even if you disagree)?

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a red hoodie over a blue shirt, resting his chin on his hand.


☐ **Ken:** You shouldn't sell yourself to whatever company pays the most. Lifestyle is important, too.

A woman with short blonde hair, wearing a black top with a red and black patterned collar.

☐ **Susan:** If you want success, you have to work hard and put up with stress.

A man with a baseball cap, wearing a white t-shirt, with his mouth open in an expressive gesture.

☐ **Luis:** Leno's right about money. You can't buy happiness with it.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a brown fur collar, looking slightly to the side.

☐ **Yeon-Suk:** Leno's not being realistic. Bruce should take the job that pays more.

**Discourse markers**

Some words and phrases help to develop ideas and relate them to one another. These kinds of words and phrases are often called discourse markers. Note that most of these discourse markers are formal and used when speaking in a formal context or when presenting complicated information in writing.

**Column A**

1. balancing contrasting points
2. emphasising a contrast
3. similarity
4. contradicting
5. adding
6. generalising
7. giving examples
8. logical consequence
9. summing up

**Column B**

- *for instance, for example*
- *on the other hand, while, whereas*
- *similarly, in the same way*
- *moreover, furthermore, in addition*
- *on the whole, in general, in all/ most/ many/ some cases, apart from..., except for*
- *on the contrary*
- *therefore, as a result, consequently, so, then*
- *in conclusion, to sum up, briefly, in short*
- *however, nevertheless, mind you, still, yet, in spite of this*



Actually



Well



However



Moreover



Honestly/To  
be honest

# Check your understanding

Determine if the sentences are true, false or not enough information. Use one of the discourse makers to explain your answers.

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# Role play

Task: Choose a career with either Ecolene or Promolix. Defend your choice. Be sure to use discourse markers correctly in your answer.



I think Ken has the right idea. What do you think.

# Opinion Network

If you ask me, his argument is a bit weak. Salary is important, too.

I think	Ken	has the best argument.
		has the right idea.
What	do you think?	
	Is your opinion?	
If you ask me,	his argument is a bit weak.	
	his idea doesn't make sense.	



***Thank you for  
today!***

***I'm looking forward to  
seeing you again!***