

ENGLISH- INTERMEDIATE

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The working week

Present tenses • Passive • Free time activities • Making small talk

Lecture 4

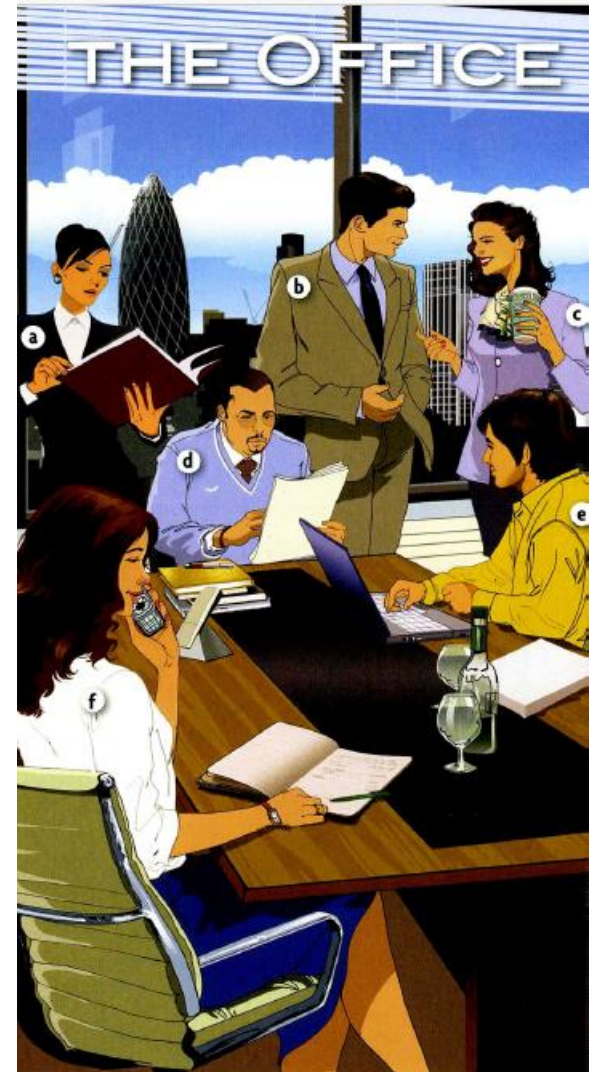
- 1 **T 2.5** Listen to two people talking about who's who in *The Office*. What are their names? What are their jobs?

d Simon	Accountant
b Edward	Human Resources (HR) Manager
c Anna	Managing Director (MD)
f Jenny	Personal Assistant (PA)
e Matthew	Information Technology (IT) Manager
a Christina	Sales Director

- 2 What are the people doing? What are they wearing?
*Simon's sitting at the top of the table reading something.
He's wearing a jumper.*

T 2.5 Listen again. What comment is made about each person?

Simon shouts a lot, but he listens as well.



- 3 Match a job from exercise 1 with a job description and a current project.

The MD is responsible for running the whole company.

Currently, he is . . .

Job description	Current project
is responsible for running the whole company	buying new hardware
makes appointments and arrangements	<i>making bookings for a conference</i>
negotiates prices and contracts	visiting new customers in China
runs an IT support team	recruiting new staff
is in charge of budget and cash flow	<i>discussing plans and targets with the Board</i>
looks after employees	preparing a financial report

State and activity verbs

6 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

Correct the wrong sentences.

1 I'm not wanting an ice-cream. I do not want an ice cream.

2 Are you understanding what I'm saying? Do you understand what I'm saying?

3 I'm enjoying the course. It's great. I enjoy the course. It's great.

4 I'm thinking you're really nice. I think you're really nice.

5 What are you thinking about? ✓

6 I'm not believing you. You're telling lies. I don't believe you. You're telling lies.

7 I'm knowing you're not agreeing with me. I know you don't agree with me.

8 She's having a lot of money. She has a lot of money.

2.5 THE PASSIVE

Form

to be + past participle

The tense of the verb *to be* changes to give different tenses in the passive.

*Are you **being served**?* (Present Continuous)

*My car **is insured** with ASM.* (Present Simple)

*Were you **taken** to visit the cathedral?* (Past Simple)

*I've **been invited** to a wedding.* (Present Perfect)

*I'd love **to be introduced** to a film star.* (Passive infinitive)

Active and passive

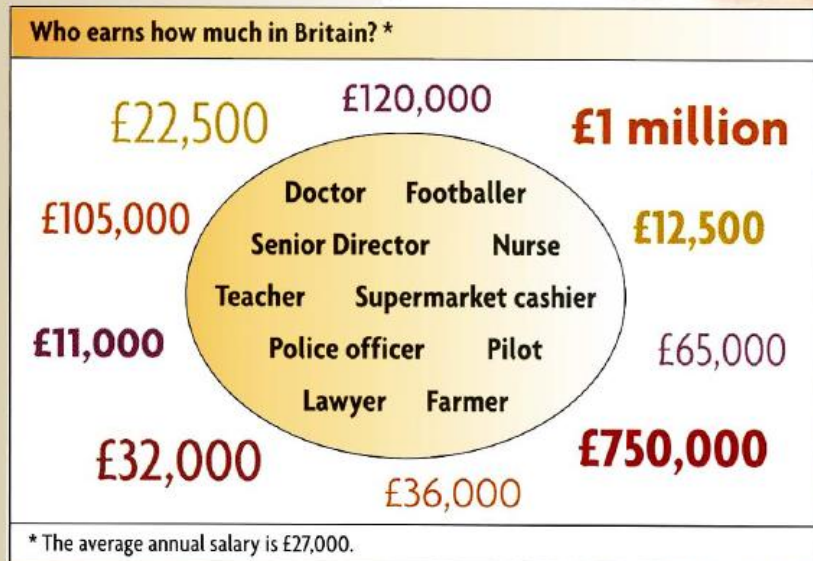
- 7 Read the statistics. Choose the correct form, active or passive. Do any of the statistics surprise you?

STATISTICS ABOUT JOBS AND MONEY IN THE UK

- 1 Nearly half the population (29m) involve / are involved in some form of employment.
- 2 20% of the workforce employed / are employed by the state.
- 3 The average worker pays / is paid £27,000 a year.
- 4 The average worker pays / is paid £250,000 in tax in his or her lifetime.
- 5 Women earn / are earned on average 17% less than men for full-time work.
- 6 Children give / are given on average £9 a week pocket money.
- 7 The average household spends / is spent £70 per week on transport.
- 8 75% of British households own / are owned a car.

- 8 Put the verbs in the present passive, simple or continuous.
- 1 'Can I help you?' 'I'm being served (serve), thank you.'
 - 2 A lot of manufactured goods are made (make) in Asia.
 - 3 'Why are you getting the bus?' 'My car is being serviced.(service).'
 - 4 Nearly 50% of the food we buy is imported. (import).
 - 5 The banking industry in the UK is situated (situate) in London.
 - 6 Is service included (include) in the bill?
 - 7 The hotel is closed while the bedrooms are being modernized(modernize).
 - 8 Footballers are paid (pay) far too much money.

- 1 Work with a partner. Look at the chart. Discuss which job you think goes with which salary.



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- 2 You are going to hear two people discussing the chart.

T2.6 Listen to Part 1. Answer the questions.

- Which jobs do they discuss?
Which salaries do they agree on?
- Complete the sentences.

They think a doctor earns either £ 105,000 or £ 120,000.

They think either a Lawyer, Senior Director or a Lawyer, Senior Director earns £750,000.

They think a pilot earns about £65,000.
- What comment do they make about ... ?
 - doctors
 - footballers
 - senior directors
 - pilots

3 **T 2.7** Listen to Part 2. Answer the questions.

- 1 Who do they think are the lowest earners? **Nurse**
- 2 How much do they think farmers earn? **22,500**
- 3 Do they agree about a teacher's and a police officer's salary? **No, they didn't**
- 4 What is the woman's final point?



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SPOKEN ENGLISH Giving opinions

1 Notice the ways of expressing an opinion.

I reckon ... I'd say ... I suppose ...

Find three more in T2.6 and T2.7 on p120.

2 Are these ways of agreeing or disagreeing?

I think so too. Definitely. I know what you mean, but ...

I'm not so sure. Actually, ... Absolutely.

3 What do we mean when we say ... ?

Could be. Maybe, maybe not. Possibly.

4 Discuss the salary chart again using some of these expressions.

