

# Vocabulary

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## Learn Vocabulary from the Lesson

### voice actor

You can find voice actors online.

A 'voice actor' is a person who records his voice for commercials or something where you don't see his face. Notice the following:



1. You have such a great voice that I think you could be a voice actor.
2. He's a voice actor for commercial, so that's why you recognize his voice.

### brilliant

It sounds flexible and brilliant.

'Brilliant' is a very common word in British English to mean great or fantastic. In U.S. English it means intelligent. Notice the following:



1. His parties area always brilliant.
2. That's a brilliant idea. Why didn't I think of that?

### tailor

My mother is a qualified tailor. Is outsourcing something she could do?

A 'tailor' is a person who makes new clothes or makes changes to already made clothes. Notice the following:



1. Can you recommend a great tailor in the area'
2. A tailor actually made this dress.

### ship

You might be able to get a contract and then ship people the work.

You are 'shipping' something when you send it in the mail or using a package company. Notice the following:

1. It takes a few days for the shoes to be shipped here.
2. It must be really expensive to ship a box like that home.



## interact

I'm a yoga instructor, so I have to interact with people.

'Interacting' with other people involves having a conversation with them. Notice the following:

1. The best way to learn about a different culture is to interact with the people.
2. Facebook is a good way for people to interact on the internet.



## lonely

It might be quite lonely working with a computer all the time.

You feel 'lonely' when you are by yourself, but you want to be with other people. Notice the following:

1. Do you ever get lonely when you are traveling?
2. My cat gets lonely when she is left alone all day.



## face-to-face

I like working with people face-to-face.

Working with people 'face-to-face' means physically being in the same room and being able to see each other. Notice the following:

1. We've talked many times on the phone, but it's very nice to meet face to face.
2. It's difficult for me to speak another language on the phone. I prefer to be face-to-face.



# Vocabulary Quiz

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1. I think I would get \_\_\_ if I lived alone.
2. It is really expensive to \_\_\_ things internationally.
3. We met through an online dating service, and tonight we are meeting \_\_\_ for the first time.
4. Mostly we just \_\_\_ through email and telephone.
5. That's a \_\_\_ solution to the problem.
6. I designed this dress, and a \_\_\_ in Vietnam made it for me.
7. He has been the \_\_\_ actor in commercials for this store for as long as I can remember.

## Outsource on the Small

Todd from the USA, and Julia from the UK, talk about how now many things can be outsourced around the world.

**Julia:** So Todd, we were talking about outsourcing and how you use these kind of services when you do your website.

**Todd:** Uh-uh.

**Julia:** What kind of careers do people follow?

**Todd:** You know, you can do anything. It's amazing. If you go to oDesk or if you go to Freelancer, anything. I mean they have accounting services, legal services, people that do writing, proof reading, photo editing, video production, **voice actors**, there's so many jobs that you can buy online or people you can hire online.

**Julia:** Wow.

**Todd:** Yeah. And I think it's really cool if you want another career or if you want to travel the world, you know it's an easy way to work from anywhere in the world. So a lot of jobs where you just work from a computer, you know you can do it anywhere. You can go live in Vietnam or you can go live in Argentina and you can do your work there if you can get the work together. So I think it's a great opportunity for a lot of people.

**Julia:** Yeah, it sounds so flexible and yeah, *brilliant*. My mother is a tailor, she's a qualified *tailor*, could she do that? Could she outsource or does it have to be an online service?

**Todd:** Yeah, I think it pretty much has to be any white collar job. It has to be basically something that you would do with a computer. You know you might be able to, like you might be able to get a contract and then maybe *ship* people the work or whatever. I think if you were going to do that, what you would want to do is you probably can get stuff by using Google, Google AdSense, you know, or AdWords, I can't remember which is which, but you can place ads let's say in Google so you can drum up business anywhere in the world. So like for example if your mom wanted to go live in Cuba what she could do is place ads, Google ads, and maybe she can get tailoring work and do it from Cuba and then maybe send, you know, send the products to people around the world via shipping. So, yeah, I guess you could. So how about you? Would you be into that? Would you be interested in having a digital life and just living anywhere in the world?

**Julia:** Well, I'm a yoga instructor so my work involves being generally in the same room. I guess you could do something online with it but I like, I'm a people person, I like to *interact* with people so I think I'd find it quite *lonely* working. I appreciate that it would be good for traveling, like if you wanted to go live somewhere really exotic and not do a nine-to-five job, I could imagine it for short term maybe but I like working with people *face-to-face* so I'd find it a bit lonely I think.

**Todd:** Yeah. I know what you mean. I know what you mean.

## Quiz

*Answer the following questions about the interview.*

1) Which online services does Todd mention?

- a) **Accounting**
- b) Music production
- c) **Voice acting**
- d) Academic research

2) What kinds of jobs can be outsourced?

- a) **White collar jobs**
- b) Blue collar jobs
- c) Customer service jobs
- d) **Computer based jobs**

3) What is a benefit of online work?

- a) **Flexible hours**
- b) Excellent benefits
- c) A better salary
- d) **Work from anywhere**

4) If Julia's mother worked online, her business could come from \_\_\_\_.

- a) only Cuba
- b) only Europe
- c) her friends
- d) **anywhere**

5) Julia thinks online work would be \_\_\_\_.

- a) too difficult
- b) interesting
- c) **lonely**
- d) stressful