

Vocabulary

saddening

Meaning: Something that causes feelings of sadness or disappointment.

Examples:

1. It's **saddening** to see how poorly teachers are treated.
2. The news about the school's closure was truly **saddening**.

side hustle

Meaning: An additional job or activity people do to earn extra money outside their main job.

Examples:

1. Many teachers need side hustles to make ends meet.
2. Her side hustle as a photographer helps her pay her bills.

consciously or unconsciously

Meaning: Done either with full awareness or without realizing it.

Examples:

1. He **consciously or unconsciously** avoids talking about his mistakes.
2. People **consciously or unconsciously** imitate the behavior of those around them.

undoubtedly

Meaning: Without a doubt; definitely true or certain.

Examples:

1. This decision will **undoubtedly** improve the lives of teachers.
2. Access to better education will **undoubtedly** benefit the country.

ICT

Meaning: Technologies used for storing, retrieving, and sharing information, such as computers and the internet.

Examples:

1. Schools need to invest in **ICT** to prepare students for the modern workforce.
2. **ICT** plays a crucial role in improving the way we learn and teach.

go hand in hand

Meaning: For two things or qualities to be closely associated with a situation.

Examples:

1. Success and hard work **go hand in hand**.
2. In a good restaurant, delicious food and excellent service **go hand in hand**.

Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences with the vocabulary above.

saddening • side hustle • consciously

undoubtedly • ICT • hand in hand

1. Many schools are investing in ____.
2. The news of the fire was ____.
3. He may be late, but he will ____ be there.
4. He often says rude comments, both ____ and unconsciously.
5. He is a doctor, but he has a ____ selling organic tea.
6. Learning and practice go ____.

Victoria / Suriname 

What would you change about the educational system in your country?

Hello, I'm Victoria from Suriname, and my question is, what would you change about the educational system in your country?

Well, there are many things that need to be changed in my country regarding the educational system, but I would start with two things. The first one is teachers pay. In the whole Caribbean, the wages in my country for teachers is the second lowest, which is actually very bad and very **saddening**. Because of this, many teachers either leave the country or have **side hustles**, which is understandable and **consciously or**

unconsciously, this will *undoubtedly* affect the quality of our profession, so rewarding teachers for their important role is a great motivator.

Secondly, I would invest in *ICT* because learning and 21st century skills *go hand in hand* now, but the situation is very bad. So, access to these modern technologies is limited, which affects the way we teach and the way we learn, so I would really invest in ICT and teacher pay to begin with.

Quiz

Answer the following questions about the interview.

1) What is very low?

- a) **Wages**
- b) Grades

2) What do many teachers have?

- a) Extra hassle
- b) **Side hustles**

3) What would she invest in?

- a) AI
- b) **ICT**

What is the correct word? Listen to the audio to hear the answer!

Hello, I'm Victoria from Surinam, and my question is, what would you **changecharge** about the educational system in your **countrycountry**?

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Secondly, I would **investinvestor** in ICT because learning and 21st century skills **goesgo** hand in hand now, but the situation is very bad. So, **accessesexcess** to these modern technologies is **limitedlimits**, which affects the way we **teachteachers** and the way we learn, so I would really **investinginvest** in ICT and teacher pay to **beganbegin** with.