

UPPER-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- Which of these things do men (M) traditionally do and which do women (W) traditionally do?
 - car maintenance
 - clean/tidy the home
 - cooking
 - DIY/home repairs
 - help children with homework
 - repair clothes
 - work full-time
- In what ways is your family or a family you know traditional/not traditional?



2 Watch the DVD and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- The three men have the same reasons for working part-time.
- Rob works over twenty hours a week.
- Rob earns less money than he used to.
- Richard Steel had been working hard for twelve years before he went part-time.
- He felt that new technology made his life easier.
- Richard doesn't work on Fridays.
- He likes having some time alone in the week.
- Most part-time workers are men.
- Bernard gets bored easily.
- He plans to retire soon.

3A Work in pairs. What do these words/numbers refer to in the DVD?

- 22.5 _____
- 32 _____
- nearly a million _____
- 20 _____
- 67 _____
- 18 _____

B Watch the DVD again to check.

4 Complete the extracts with the words in the box. Then watch the DVD again to check.

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- Whilst also making sure we didn't _____ the home life.
- Sound familiar? But it was Rob who _____ his hours.
- Let my wife concentrate on her _____ career ...
- That's what Richard Steel had in _____ when he went part-time.
- It meant there was no sort of _____ to when work finished.
- Most of this growth is _____ to older men.
- Not only money, but that helps, a _____ of a lot.

5A Choose one of the trends related to employment below and find out as much as you can about it. Use questions 1–3 to help you.

- Generation Z
- The skills gap
- Job hopping
- New collaborative technologies

- What is the trend?
- How long has it been going on?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages?

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the trend you chose.

A: I found out about job hopping.

B: What is it?

A: It's when do a job for a short time, then move onto another job.