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# BreakingNewsEnglish - The Mini Lesson

# The best companies to work for

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A new report has identified the top 25 companies in the USA work for. The report comes out every year and always has

some surprises. It ranked the best places to work in 2014 by taking a survey of employee satisfaction. Top of the list was Google, which has become famous for its excellent conditions. Google knocked Facebook off of the number one position. A Google software engineer earns an average salary of \$119,000 a year. He or she also gets free access to a gym, laundromat, sports facilities and a place which looks after their pets when the employee goes on holiday. One exemployee said Google staff are so happy that it is unusual for anyone to take time off.

Another survey released at the same time shows a slightly different picture. The careers website Glassdoor asked employees to rate how happy they are with their company, career opportunities, pay, culture, and values. It found that the consulting firm Bain and Company was the best place to work. Russ Hagey, Global Chief Talent Officer at Bain and Co. said: "We are incredibly proud to be named the number one best place to work." He added that: "For more than 40 years, we have placed significant focus on creating an outstanding professional and personal work experience that in turn has fueled our growth anchored in a mission of delivering results for clients and organizations around the globe."

Sources: ndtv.com / cnbc.com / techspot.com

## Writing

What are the differences between working for Google and McDonald's?

#### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

top companies / surprises / employee / satisfaction / salary / working conditions / a different picture / opportunities / proud / number one / focus / globe

#### True / False

- A report listed the best companies in the world to work for. T/F
- b) The report is made once every two years. T/
- Facebook was number one last year. T / F c)
- Google has a kind of pet hotel for when staff d) go on holiday. T/F
- e) A company called Glassdoor paints pictures. T
- Another survey said a consulting company was the best place to work. T / F
- The consulting company has been number one g) for 40 years. T / F
- The company's mission is to help its clients h) around the world. T / F

## Synonym Match

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1. every year a. job 2 ranked b. issued 3. survey c. strange 4. salary d. ordered 5. unusual e. bringing 6. released f. annually 7. slightly q. excellent 8. career h. a little 9. outstanding i. questionnaire delivering

# Discussion - Student A

What company would you really like to work a) for (and why)?

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- What's the best company you've ever worked b) for?
- What do you think it would be like to work c) for Google?
- d) What's the best company to work for in your country (why?)
- e) What benefits do you think are important at work?
- f) What kind of work environment do you like?
- Would you prefer to work from home? g)
- h) Would you prefer to work for Google or Starbucks?

1. What does this new report identify?
2. How did they rank the best places to work?
3. What was top of the list? Why? Who was #1 before?
What's the av erage salary of a Google software engineer? (What other beneifits do they get?)
4. What is Glassdoor?
What did they ask employees?
What did they find?
Who is Russ Hagey?
What has the company focused on?
5. Have you ever had a part-time job?
If yes, what did you do?
6.Can you name 5 of the top companies in Korea?
a.
b.
C.
d.
e.
7. What benefits do you think are important at work?
8.Complete this sentence.
A good boss should be
9.Would you rather have a good salry or a good working environment? And why?

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