

Chapter 8: Wie ist dein Job? (*What is your job like?*)

A wie Anfang (p. 110)

Englischer Garten is a famous and popular park for various outdoor activities. Look at the picture. What can you do in the park?

Jetzt geht's los!

In chapter 8, Hanna and Florian go for a walk in the Englischer Garten and they talk about Hanna's new job in Munich.

In this chapter you will learn:

- to talk about your work.
- the reflexive verbs (Reflexivverben)

Sprechen wir mal! (p. 113)

Talking about your work

Wie ist deine Arbeit / dein Job?

What is your work / your job like?

Mein Job ist vielseitig/interessant/stressig.

My job offers a lot variety. My job is interesting/stressful.

Wie ist die Firma / das Unternehmen?

What is the company like?

Die Firma ist groß / klein.

The company is big / small.

Das Unternehmen hat 50 Mitarbeiter.

There are 50 employees in the company.

Wie fühlst du dich in deiner Arbeit?

Do you enjoy your work/job?

Ich fühle mich (nicht) wohl bei Mingahaus.

I enjoy / I don't enjoy my work/job at Mingahaus.

Wie sind deine Kollegen?

What are your colleagues like?

Sie sind nett/teamfähig/(un)freundlich.

They are nice/team-oriented / (un)friendly.

Wie ist das Arbeitsklima?

What is the work atmosphere like?

Das Arbeitsklima ist (nicht so) gut / locker / förmlich.

The work atmosphere is (not so) good / relaxed / formal.

Wie sind die Arbeitszeiten?

What are the working hours like?

Meine Arbeitszeiten sind flexibel.

My working hours are flexible.

Ich muss (keine) Überstunden machen.

I have / don't have to work overtime.

What kind of a job would you like to have? Talk with your partner about your dream job.

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1. a) Read the unit text and write the following phrases in German.

- 1) They have agreed to go for a walk.
- 2) after a few weeks
- 3) in the centre of the city
- 4) I come here to jog.

- 5) I enjoy it here.
- 6) I learn something new.
- 7) My job offers a lot variety.
- 8) to work overtime

b) Write three sentences and use the phrases in the previous exercise.

2. a) What is the word we are looking for?

b) Choose three words from the unit text and explain them to your partner.

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3. Talk with your partner about the content of the chapter using the given words.

4. Florian is telling Hanna about his job. Fill in the missing words.

- 1) my work
- 2) duties
- 3) projects
- 4) overtime
- 5) working hours
- 6) in our company
- 7) my boss
- 8) employees

(p. 116) **6. Recap the two-way prepositions.**

1. in front of the university

2. across the square
3. in the garden
4. on the lawn / meadow
5. into the water
6. under the chestnut trees
7. behind the tower
8. next to/beside a family
9. between the tables
10. among the guests

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Grammar

The reflexive verbs

Find the following sentences in the main text.

Hanna and Florian have agreed to meet. _____

I can't complain. _____

No need to hurry. _____

I enjoy it. _____

We get along well. _____

So it was worth moving, then?

- The reflexive verbs take the pronoun **sich**.
- The pronoun refers to the subject of the sentence.
- Use the pronoun **sich** in the 3rd person singular and plural.
- Use the accusative forms of the personal pronoun in all other cases.

Fill in the missing reflexive pronouns.

In the perfect tense, the reflexive verbs take “haben” as the auxiliary verb.

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7. Ask your partner questions using reflexive verbs.

8. Fill in the missing reflexive verb.

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9. Read these job vacancy ads with your partner. Talk about the ads. You will find useful phrases in the Sprechen wir mal!-section (p. 113).

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10. Have this discussion with your partner. Choose your role and cover the other part. Read out the sentence in bold in German. Your partner will help you if needed. Student A will begin.

A	B
What is your job / work like?	Wie ist dein Job / deine Arbeit?
Er / Sie ist interessant und vielseitig.	It is interesting und offers a lot of variety.
So you enjoy it there?	Du fühlst dich also wohl dort?
Ja, ich fühle mich sehr wohl dort..	Yes, I enjoy it there very much.
What are your colleagues like?	Wie sind deine Kollegen?
Sie sind nett, und wir verstehen uns gut.	They are nice, and we understand each other well.

Do you have to do a lot of overtime?	Musst du viele Überstunden machen?
Ja, aber unsere Arbeitszeiten sind flexibel.	Yes, but our working hours are flexible.
So it was worth moving because of the job?	Es hat sich also gelohnt, für den Job umzuziehen.
Auf jeden Fall. / Unbedingt.	Absolutely!
I am glad you enjoy your job / work.	Ich freue mich / Ich bin froh, dass der Job / die Arbeit dir gefällt.
Ich freue mich auch. / Ich auch.	Me, too.

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10. Hanna and her colleague Lara Schmidt talk about their visit to the construction site. Listen to the discussion twice. Are these statements true or false?

1. The firm Mingahaus has two construction projects near Lake Starnberg.
2. Lara visits the construction site once a month.
3. Lara and Hanna leave at eight o'clock.
4. Before leaving they eat breakfast at Hanna's place.
5. It takes about 45 minutes to drive from Munich to Tutzing.
6. After the work day Hanna sees the castle of the Empress Sissi (Empress Elisabeth of Austria)

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11. Read the text about the most famous sights in Munich. Write two things about every beergarden.

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12. a) Below is a list of famous sights in Munich. Go online and find out more about the sights (e.g. pictures, events, exhibitions...)

b) You spent a weekend in Munich. Write what you did there in the perfect tense. Also use reflexive verbs.

c) Tell your partner what you did in Munich.