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1. Remote Work & Digital Nomads

Is working from anywhere the future of work or a short-lived trend?

◆ Topic Overview

Remote work has become a widespread reality since the COVID-19 pandemic. While many people enjoy the flexibility and freedom, others argue it reduces productivity and blurs work-life boundaries.

A growing number of "digital nomads" now travel the world while working online. But is this lifestyle sustainable in the long run?

◆ Key Vocabulary

Digital nomad

Definition: A person who works online while traveling

Example Sentence: She became a digital nomad and works from Bali.

Hybrid model

Definition: A work style that combines in-office and remote work

Example Sentence: Many companies now offer a hybrid model.

◆ Discussion Questions

- ① Have you ever worked remotely? What was your experience like?
- ② Do you believe remote work is more productive than working in an office?
- ③ Would you enjoy the digital nomad lifestyle? Why or why not?
- ④ How does remote work affect teamwork and company culture?



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◆ Idioms & Phrases

- ✓ "hit the ground running" – start something and proceed at a fast pace

Example: After onboarding, she hit the ground running and impressed everyone in her first week.

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- ✓ "burn the midnight oil" – work late into the night

Example: We had to burn the midnight oil all week to prepare for the presentation.

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◆ Mini Debate

Statement: "Remote workers should earn less than office workers."

Do you agree or disagree? Prepare arguments for both sides.