Theme Six: Work! Work! Work!

Advanced Thematic Discussion

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Attitude towards Jobs

- What are some of the jobs people where you live think have higher status than other jobs? How about those they consider lowly or menial?

- What do you think the following jobs tell about those who do them?
  - Executioner
  - Librarian
  - Shepherd
  - Boutique salesman
  - Computer programmer

- What are the pros and cons of working in the following businesses?
  - Selling mobile phones
  - Hairdressing
  - Gardening

- Are there any jobs you consider very odd?

- Are there any jobs you’d never do?

Tough Job

- Do you think it makes sense to pick up a difficult career, say, for the thrill of it? How long do you think you will survive in these jobs?
  - Safari photographer
  - Judge
  - Prison warden
  - Plumber
  - Teacher

- Do you think people who do difficult jobs should be respected more than others? How? Even if what they are doing is rather menial (e.g. those who drain house sewage wells)?