

**superfluous** [su'p3:fluəs]  
**tremendous** [trə'mendəs]  
**prime minister** [praɪm 'mɪnɪstə]

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**Do you think it is a tremendous honour to represent your country on the international stage as a prime minister?**

**Do you think that Polish workers in the UK may be regarded as superfluous immigrants?**

**Do you think that the prime minister in your country has tremendous power?**

**Would you say that some politicians and government officials are superfluous?**

*Some people undergo tremendous emotional problems after being made redundant, because they feel superfluous.*

*Yes, I think it is a tremendous honour to represent my country on the international stage as a prime minister.*

*Yes, I think that Polish workers in the UK may be regarded as superfluous immigrants.*

*Yes, I think that the prime minister in my country has tremendous power.*

*Yes, I'd say that some politicians and government officials are superfluous.*

**deprecatory** ['deprəkətəri]  
**terminate** ['tɜ:mɪneɪt]  
**bilious** ['bɪlɪəs]  
**co-worker** [kəu'wɜ:kə]  
**on probation** [prə'beɪʃn]

**What might happen if you made deprecatory remarks about your employer and he heard it?**

**What would you do if your boss hired a person who was very bilious as a co-worker?**

**Is it common in your country to hire people on probation in order to check their skills?**

**Were you bilious as a child?**

**Is travelling abroad allowed while being on probation?**

*If I made deprecatory remarks about my employer and he heard it, he could terminate my contract.*

*If my boss hired a person who was very bilious as a co-worker, I would try to talk to my boss about it.*

*Yes, it is common in my country to hire people on probation in order to check their skills.*

*No, I wasn't bilious as a child.*

*No, travelling abroad isn't allowed while being on probation.*

<p><b>headquarters</b> [hed'kwɔ:təz]  <b>commute</b> [kə'mju:t]  <b>suburbanite</b> [sə'bʌ:bənait]  <b>suburbs</b> [sʌbʌ:bz]</p>	
<p><b>What is commuting?</b></p> <p><b>Have you ever had to commute to work/school?</b></p> <p><b>What do we call a person that lives in the suburbs?</b></p> <p><b>What might be the advantages of living in the suburbs?</b></p> <p><b>What might be the disadvantages of living in the suburbs?</b></p> <p><b>Where is the headquarters of the FBI?</b></p> <p><b>Where is the headquarters of the EU?</b></p> <p><b>Where is the headquarters of the Catholic Church?</b></p>	<p><i>Commuting is travelling between the place you live in and the place you work or study at.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, I had to commute to school when I was in high school.</i></p> <p><i>A person that lives in the suburbs is called a suburbanite.</i></p> <p><i>Peace and quiet may be the advantage of living in the suburbs.</i></p> <p><i>A long commute to work and fewer job opportunities might be the disadvantages of living in the suburbs</i></p> <p><i>The headquarters of the FBI is in Washington D.C.</i></p> <p><i>The headquarters of the EU is in Brussels, Belgium.</i></p> <p><i>The headquarters of the Catholic Church [ˈbrʌslz] is in the Vatican.</i></p>
<p><b>at first glance</b> [ətʃɜ:s't'glɑ:ns]  <b>prosper</b> [ˈprɒspə]  <b>at first sight</b> [ətʃɜ:s't'saɪt]  <b>relentless</b> [ri'lentləs]</p>	
<p><b>Do you believe in love at first sight? Why?</b></p> <p><b>What did you think the first time you glanced at your partner/best friend?</b></p> <p><b>Have you ever disliked anyone after you first glanced at them, only to find out later that you misjudged them?</b></p> <p><b>Upon first glance, what was your impression of this classroom?</b></p> <p><b>Do you think that the only way that companies can prosper in these markets is to cut costs relentlessly?</b></p>	<p><i>Yes, I believe in love at first sight, because some people are just made for each other.</i></p> <p><i>The first time I glanced at my partner/best friend, I thought he was handsome.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, I have once disliked a person after I first glanced at him, only to find out later that I misjudged him.</i></p> <p><i>Upon first glance, my impression of this classroom was positive.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, I think that the only way that companies can prosper in these markets is to cut costs relentlessly.</i></p>

**opportunity** [ɒpə'tju:nəti]  
**possibility** [pɒsə'bɪləti]  
**occasion** [ə'keɪʒn]  
**chance** [tʃɑ:ns]  
**disconsolate** [dɪs'kɒntsələt]

**What does it mean when a company promotes equal opportunities for women?**

*When a company promotes equal opportunities for women, it means that all employees have the right to be treated equally in all aspects of their jobs.*

**What is a window of opportunity?**

*A window of opportunity is a possibility to do something that will only be available to you for a short time.*

**If you were given a chance to ask God about something, what would your question be?**

*If I were given a chance to ask God about something, I would ask him what happens to our souls after death.*

**If you went to Hyde Park in London, would you use the occasion to deliver a short speech? What would it be about?**

*If I went to Hyde Park in London, I would use the occasion to deliver a short speech.*

**If you were at your best friend's wedding party, and they asked you to sing for the occasion, which song would you choose?**

*If I were at my best friend's wedding party, and they asked me to sing for the occasion, I would choose 'Love is All Around' by Wet Wet Wet.*

**Do you think there is a possibility of snow today?**

*No, I don't think there is a possibility of snow today.*

**Is there any possibility that your national football team will win the World Cup?**

*No, there is no possibility that my national football team will win the World Cup.*

**If you missed the opportunity of promotion, how would you feel?**

*If I missed the opportunity of promotion, I would feel disconsolate.*



Do the exercises on the Internet platform!



# Reading

**Demonstrations. Read the text and do the exercises below.**

Thousands of anti-government protesters took to the streets of the capital city today, to hold a protest rally to mark their solidarity with miners in Armano where the strike has entered its fifth day. Union leaders made speeches calling for the resignation of the President and demanding democratic elections. The rally was staged by the 'Red Star' group, which is trying to establish itself as a political alternative to the ruling party, the only one in existence. The protesters found considerable support among prominent dissidents who joined the rally. The ten-thousand-strong crowd, which carried banners and chanted anti-government slogans, moved towards Government House.

The government spokesman came forward with a proposal for talks. However, all negotiations broke down as protesters stuck to their demand for spring elections. The crowd then tried to move towards the presidential palace but it was stopped by police. The demonstrators exchanged angry words with the police but dispersed peacefully. Union leaders threatened to call a general strike in support of their cause. This would bring the whole country to a standstill.

However, there is little film footage of the demonstration as most foreign correspondents had their cameras smashed by security police. In a television broadcast to the nation, the General accused the opposition of stirring up unrest, which is disrupting the process of national reconciliation.

rally ['ræli] – .....

miner ['maɪnə] – .....

union leader ['ju:niən li:də] – .....

stage [steɪdʒ] – .....

prominent ['prɒmɪnənt] – .....

dissident ['dɪsɪdənt] – .....

chant [tʃɑ:nt] – .....

standstill ['stændstɪl] – .....

stir up – .....

unrest [ʌn'rest] – .....

