



CONVERSATION

Eric Davies works in the marketing department of an American pharmaceuticals company. Read the interview he gave for a magazine survey about office life.

Q: Do you smoke in your office?

**A: No, never. I'm a smoker, but there's a no-smoking rule in our office.
I have to go outside the building to smoke.**

Q: Do you ever go home early?

A: Yes, if there isn't much work to do. Of course, if there's a lot of work, I stay late.

Q: What do you wear to work?

**A: I usually wear a suit. When I'm really busy I like to take off my jacket and tie.
On Fridays we can wear casual clothes, so I usually wear jeans and a casual shirt.**

Q: Do you ever eat lunch at your desk?

A: Yes, if I'm very busy. I often order a pizza or a sandwich.

Q: Do you make personal phone calls during working hours?

A: I occasionally make private calls, but only if they're important.

Q: Do you have any photos on your desk?

A: Yes, I have two or three photographs of my wife and son.

Q: Do you take time off if you have a cold?

A: Yes, I do. In fact, I took three days off last week because I had a bad cold.

Q: Do you always take a summer vacation?

A: Always! I take at least two weeks' vacation. This year I'm going on a two-week trip to Europe. I'm really looking forward to it!



LET'S TALK

1. What are the differences between Eric's working life and the working life in your country?
2. Do you make personal phone calls during working hours?
3. Do you go out to eat lunch or eat at your desk?
4. Do you have any photos on your desk?
5. Do you always take summer and winter vacation?
6. Are you happy with your current working conditions?
7. If it's up to you, how would you change the working conditions in your company?