


Viewpoint 1 | Sharing a workspace

Preview

In this video lesson, you will watch a video about sharing a workspace called the HUB in Islington, London. You'll also meet Anna Levy who works for the HUB.

Focus

- Look at the list of workplace things. Which of these things do you share with other people? Tell your partner.
 - Transportation to and from work
 - Your office
 - Your desk
 - Meeting rooms
 - Computer equipment
 - Photocopiers and stationery
 - Your job
 - Anything else?
-  **01** Watch three people talking about sharing at work. Make notes about their answers in the table.

	What do they share?	Are there any advantages or disadvantages?
Speaker 1		
Speaker 2		
Speaker 3		

- Work with a partner and compare your answers in 2. Then discuss questions 1–2.
 - How similar were the speakers' answers to your answers in 1?
 - Can you think of any more advantages or disadvantages with sharing things at work?

The HUB

- You are going to watch a video about a shared workspace called the HUB. Before you watch, match words and phrases 1–7 from the video to definitions a–g.
 - diverse background ___
 - sectors ___
 - campaigners ___
 - go crazy with loneliness ___
 - perspective ___
 - resources ___
 - a global network ___
 - become very unhappy because you are on your own most of the time
 - point of view
 - different experience
 - connections around the world
 - people who want to change a political or social situation
 - something useful for your work (e.g. a person or object)
 - areas of economic activity (e.g. financial, health, educational)





- 5 **▶02** Watch the video about the HUB and the interview with Anna Levy who works there. As you watch, number the parts of the video A–E in the correct order 1–5.
- The location of the HUB ____
 - The HUB as a global network ____
 - Sharing equipment at the HUB ____
 - Comparing the HUB with working from home ____
 - The people who use the HUB ____
- 6 Work with a partner. Decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).
- Most of the people at the HUB are employed by the HUB. ____
 - Anna Levy has worked for the HUB for about three years. ____
 - She says the people who use the Hub come from similar backgrounds with similar businesses. ____
 - People like the HUB because they can socialize with others. ____
 - Users don't need to spend money on expensive equipment at the HUB. ____
 - At the moment, there is only one HUB in the world. ____
 - The HUB network has around 5,000 members. ____
- 7 **▶02** Watch the video again and check your answers in 6. As you watch, write down any important words or phrases from the video to support your answers.
- 8 Would you like to work in the HUB? Why/Why not?



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- 9 Work with a partner. Imagine you are Anna Levy at the HUB and a person with a small business who is interested in using the space. You are going to have a conversation.
- Student A:** You are Anna.
- Prepare a list of the reasons for sharing a workspace at the HUB. (e.g. socializing, better than home-working, etc.)
 - Think of questions you want to ask the other person about their business. (e.g. How much space will you need?)
- Student B:** You are the person with a business.
- Think about what type of business you have and other details. (e.g. what you sell/provide, number of employees, the equipment you need, etc.)
 - Prepare a list of questions about the HUB. (e.g. How does it work? Why do people like working there?)
- 10 When you are both ready, start the conversation. Is the HUB a good place for Student B to work?
- 11 Change partners and swap roles. Practise the conversation again.