



NEW BUSINESS ENGLISH 5

Lesson 5

Explaining Why You Left Your Last Job



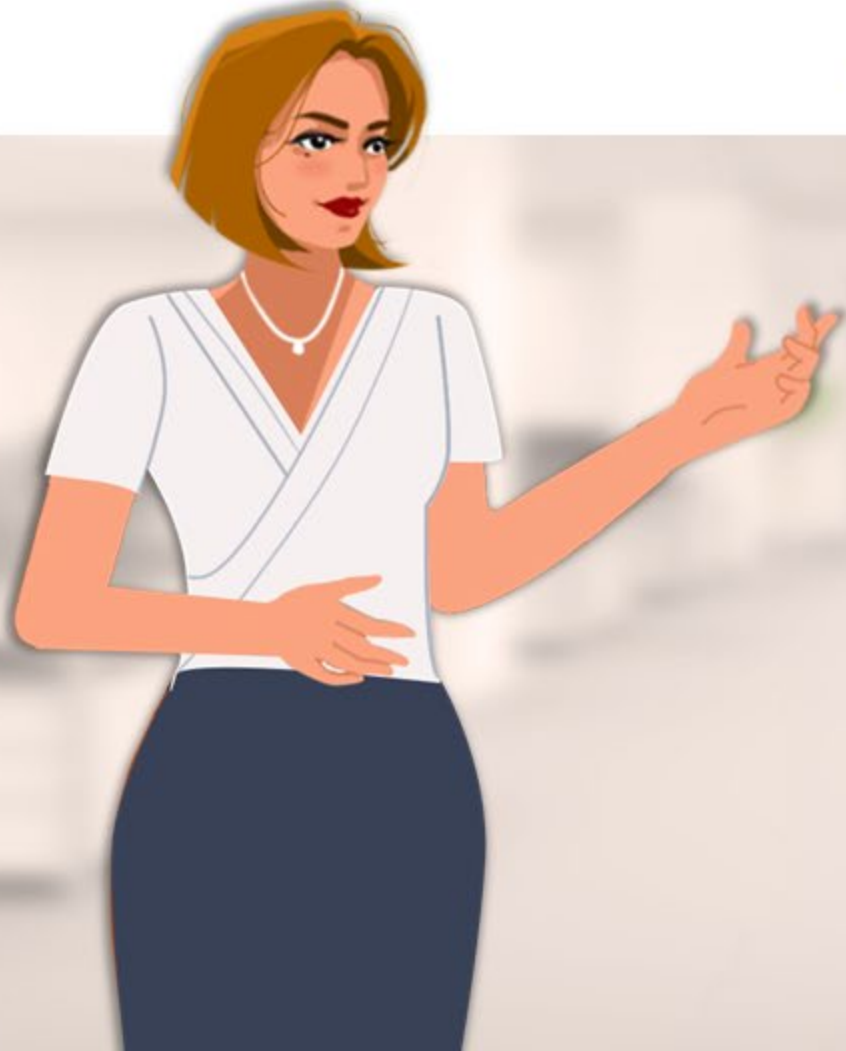
LEARNING GOAL

- ◆ Explaining Why You Left Your Last Job



What would you say?

**Scenario: Imagine you left your job at your previous company.
Answer the HR manager's question.**



**Why did you leave
your last job?**

Situational Dialogue

- ▶ Robert Phillips talks about his job at his previous company.

Dawn Brooke



Robert Phillips






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Key Vocabulary

Learn the new words and answer the questions.



career

(n.) the job or series of jobs that you do during your working life

e.g. Being an office worker is her chosen **career**.



competitive

(adj.) wanting very much to win or to be more successful

e.g. They share their ideas. They are really **competitive**.



ambition

(n.) a strong desire to do or to achieve something

e.g. My **ambition** in life is to be wealthy like my boss.

Dialogue Review

Have a role play and answer the questions.



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Learning Goals

Let's check the learning goal!



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1. Explaining Why You Left Your Last Job

Learning Goals

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There are a number of reasons why people leave their past job.
Which reasons are acceptable and which are not?

1. Opportunities to Progress

Good Answer:

"Although I enjoy my current role, I hope to move into a position that allows me more space to develop professionally."

Bad Answer:

"However, there is little chance for the kind of career growth and advancement I would like."

2. Looking for Full-Time Employment

Good Answer:

"I have gained valuable skills, such as the ability to manage my time well, which I now want to bring to a full-time role."

Bad Answer:

"I tried to run my own business but I wasn't making any money so I have had to look for a full-time job."



How would you explain to the interviewer why you left your last job?

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3. Decided to Pursue Other Goals

Good Answer:

“I decided to take a bit of time to re-qualify in social care as this is where my passion lies.”

Bad Answer:

“I inherited some money from my grandparents so I decided to just have a bit of fun for a year.”

4. Weren't Enjoying the Work

Good Answer:

“After reconsidering my long-term goals, I decided I want to pursue a career in social research instead.”

Bad Answer:

“I don't like the job because my manager only gives me boring tasks to do and it makes me lose my self-esteem.”



How do you answer the question without sounding negative?

Semi-open Dialogue

Have a role play.

Scenario: You are applying for a new position. The hiring manager wants to know the reason why you left your last job.

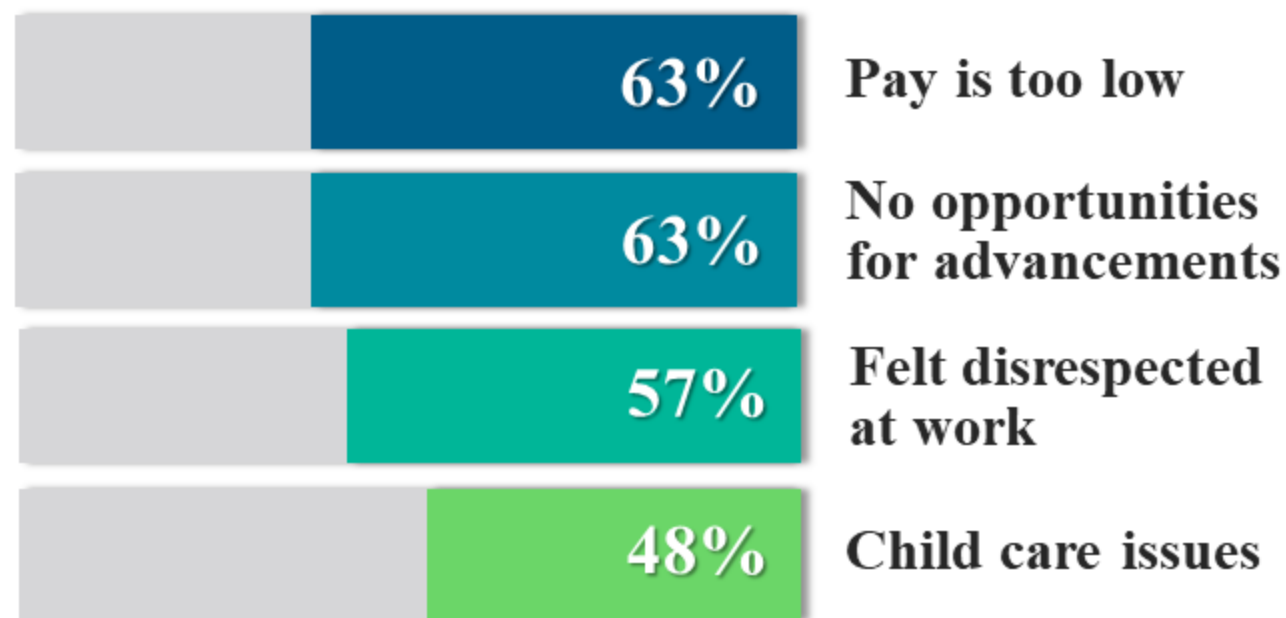


∴ You can refer to the following key expressions:

- **Opportunities to Progress** – Although I enjoy my current role,...
- **Looking for Full-Time Employment** – I have gained valuable skills,...
- **Decided to Pursue Other Goals** – I decided to...
- **Weren't Enjoying the Work** – After reconsidering my long-term goals,...

Learn some reasons why people leave their jobs.

∴ Top 4 Reasons Why People Leave Their Jobs



based on a 2021 survey
conducted in the USA

90% of job switchers said they quit because the **pandemic** made them feel like life is too short to stay in a job they were not passionate about.



Have you resigned before? If yes, what was your reason?
If not, what might be a possible reason for your resignation?

Overview

Keywords and expressions:

career/ ambitious/ competitive

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