



# **NEW BUSINESS ENGLISH 5**

## **Lesson 7**

### **Talking About Career Goals**



# LEARNING GOALS

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- ◆ Talking About Career Goals
- ◆ Describing Career Action Plans



# What would you say?

**Scenario:** You are in the middle of an interview and the interviewer is asking about your career goals. Answer the question.

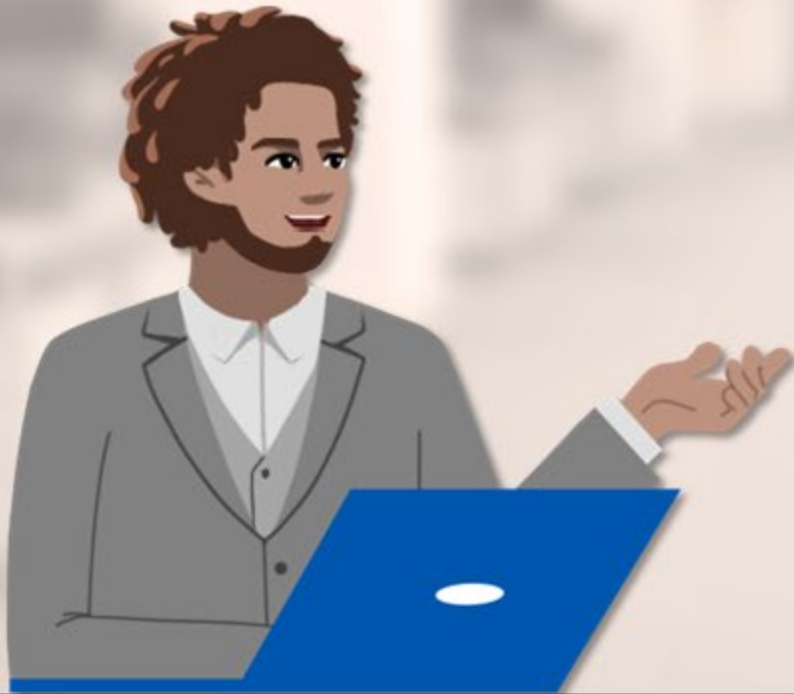


**What are your career goals?**

## Situational Dialogue

- ▶ Robert Phillips explains his career goals to Bruce Fisher.

**Bruce Fisher**



**Robert Phillips**






What are your career goals?

If I make it today, my first goal is to strengthen my skills in the role. I plan to take on more projects to achieve this.






Another goal is to gain the trust of the company. I want to be someone who can proudly bring the name of the company in good light.

Sounds great! Where do you see yourself 3 years from now?





I've found that I enjoy mentoring and sharing my knowledge with people. In the near future, I'd like to build and manage larger teams. To achieve this goal, I've been taking some relevant courses in leadership.

Thank you for sharing your career goals.



# Key Vocabulary

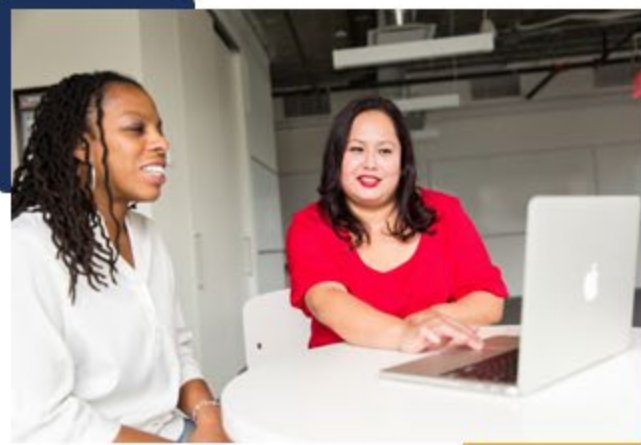
Learn the new words and answer the questions.



## take on

*(phr. v.) to deal with  
new responsibilities*

e.g. She **takes on**  
different tasks to  
reach her goals.



## mentor

*(v.) to help and give advice  
to a less experienced  
person in a job*

e.g. She **mentors** her  
colleague about  
the new project.



## achieve

*(v.) to succeed in finishing  
something or reaching  
an aim*

e.g. They work hard to  
**achieve** success  
in their career.

## Dialogue Review

Have a role play and answer the questions.



*Robert Phillips explains his career goals to Bruce Fisher.*

**Bruce:** What are your career goals?

**Robert:** If I make it today, my first goal is to strengthen my skills in the role. I plan to **take on** more projects to achieve this. Another goal is to gain the trust of the company. I want to be someone who can proudly bring the name of the company in good light.

**Bruce:** Sounds great! Where do you see yourself 3 years from now?

**Robert:** I've found that I enjoy **mentoring** and sharing my knowledge with people. In the near future, I'd like to build and manage larger teams. To **achieve** this goal, I've been taking some relevant courses in leadership.

**Bruce:** Thank you for sharing your career goals.



*Robert Phillips explains his career goals to Bruce Fisher.*

**Bruce:** What are your career goals?



## 1. Talking About Career Goals

**Robert:** If I make it today, **my first goal is to strengthen my skills in the role. I plan to take on more projects to achieve this. Another goal is to gain the trust of the company.** I want to be someone who can proudly bring the name of the company in good light.

**Bruce:** Sounds great! Where do you see yourself 3 years from now?

**Robert:** I've found that I enjoy mentoring and sharing my knowledge with people. **In the near future, I'd like to build and manage larger teams. To achieve this goal, I've been taking some relevant courses in leadership.**



## 2. Describing Career Action Plans

**Bruce:** Thank you for sharing your career goals.

Learn how to describe your career goals.

## ∴ Talking About Career Goals

- My first goal is to...
- My goals include...
- In the near future, I'd like to...
- In (years), I hope to...

Sample Answers:

- My first goal is to strengthen my skills in the role. (short-term goal)
- My goals include gaining the trust of my colleagues and manager. (short-term goal)
- In the near future, I'd like to build and manage larger teams. (long-term goal)
- In 2 years, I hope to develop an app that would become very popular. (long-term goal)

### • Short-term Goals

- can be achieved quickly/ in a short time
- help you achieve your long-term goal

### • Long-term Goals

- usually take longer to achieve
- may consist of many short-term goals



### .∴ Describing Career Action Plans

- I plan to achieve this by...
- To achieve this, I have been/ I will...
- In order to accomplish this goal, I will...

Sample Answers:

- I plan to achieve this by taking some relevant courses in leadership.
- To achieve this, I have been involving myself with a variety of professional associations.
- I have been creating a career plan and writing down what I want to achieve.
- In order to accomplish this goal, I have been seeking out constructive feedback from experienced people.

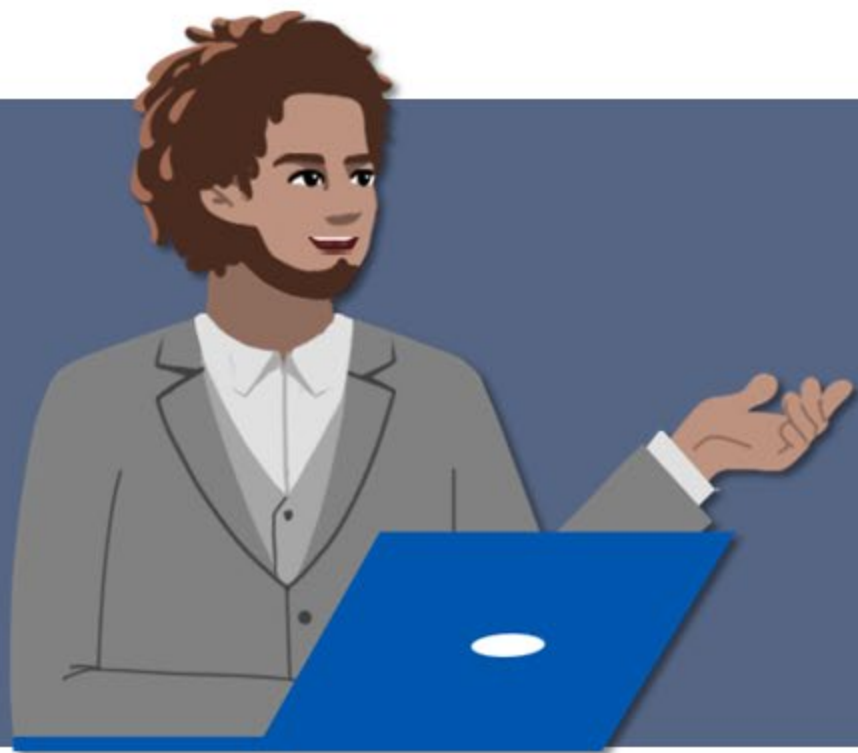


# Semi-open Dialogue

Have a role play.

**Scenario:** The hiring manager is asking what your career goals are.

**Describe your career goals and how you will achieve them.**



∴ You can refer to the following key expressions:

- **Talking About Career Goals**
  - My first goal is to...
  - In (years), I hope to...
- **Describing Career Action Plans**
  - I plan to achieve this by...
  - To achieve this, I have been/ I will...

### ∴ Exciting Facts About Goals That No One Talks About



#### **Luck shouldn't be a factor in your mind**

Don't worry about luck. Just walk the path and you can get there. It's not as complex as you're making it.

#### **If you're not pursuing a bigger future, then you're living in your past.**

Pursuing goals shifts your life from being boring and repetitive to exciting and surprising.



#### **When you set a goal, your brain will begin producing obstacles.**



Your brain is a brilliant machine. It is by passing through those obstacles that you transform yourself into a person that can have your goals.



*Do you agree with these facts? Why? Why not?*

# Overview

## Keywords and expressions:

take on/ mentor/ achieve

My first goal is to...

My second goal is to lead a project or task.

Another goal is...

I plan to achieve this by...

To achieve this, I have been/ I will...

In order to accomplish this goal, I will...

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