Guess the job tense review
New Headway Pre-Intermediate Unit 13

Imagine you have one of the jobs below and answer questions about your past and present education and job experience until your partner works out which person you are.

- You are yourself, with your own real job and/ or studies
- You are an English teacher in a language school in your country
- You are a university lecturer
- You are a university professor
- You are a university student who is working as a postman as a temporary job over the Xmas holiday
- You write romantic novels for a living
- You are a 35 year old CEO of a start up internet company in Silicon Valley
- You are an Olympic gymnast
- You are a professional ballet dancer
- You are Prime Minister
- You are an au pair
- You are a taxi driver
- You are a pilot
- You still work on your family rice farm because your son doesn't want to live in the countryside
- You are a part-time shop assistant in a clothes shop
- You are a housewife who has just started to work again after her children have left home
- You are a high court judge
- You are a celebrity chef
- You are a window cleaner
- You are a flight attendant
- You are an underwear model
- You are a junior doctor (= a new doctor in a hospital)
- You are a vet (= animal doctor)
- You are a famous artist
- You are manager of a hotel
- You are a polar explorer
- You sell the Big Issue on the streets of London
- You are 70 years old and you work in a supermarket
- You are a beachcomber
- You fly a balloon for a living

When your teacher stops you, ask about any jobs above you don't understand, are not sure what questions to ask about, etc, working together as a class to think of suitable questions and answers each time.

Change partners. Play the same guessing game, but this time only asking questions with "How (long/ many/ much/ far/ often/ many times)…?"

Do the same but with the questions below to help if you like.

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Suggested questions

How much money have you earned so far this year?

How much money have you earnt in your life?

How long have you been working in your present job?

How long will it take you to become boss?

How many people do you supervise?

How many jobs did you have before this job? / How many jobs have you had in your life?

How many years did you have to study at university to get your job?

How many hours do you usually work a day?

How many hours have you worked so far this week? (= since Monday)

How much (= what percentage) of your working day is spent using a computer/ outside/ meeting people/ travelling/ cleaning/ etc?

How many times have you been injured in your work?

How many countries have you visited for your work?

How many hours does one job/ task usually take?

How many miles/ kilometres have you travelled so far this year?

How many words have you written this week?

How many people do you meet in an average week (= a normal week)?

How many layers of clothes do you have to wear?

When your teacher stops you, ask about any "How…?" *questions you aren't sure about, working together to answer them each time*

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Tense review

Without looking above, put the verbs in brackets into the right tenses in each gap below, also adding suitable subjects and auxiliary verbs. More than one tense may be correct.

How much money _____ (earn) so far this year?

How long _____ (work) in your present job?

How long _____ (take) to become boss?

How many jobs _____ (have) before this job? /
How many jobs _____ (have) in your life?

How many years _____ (have to) study at university to get your job?

How many hours _____ (usually work) a day?

How many hours _____ (work) so far this week? (= since Monday)

How many times _____ (injure) in your work?

How many countries _____ (travel) for your work?

How many hours _____(one job/ task usually take)?

How many miles/ kilometres _____ (travel) so far this year?

How many words _____ (write) this week?

How many people _____ (meet) in an average week (= a normal week)?

Compare with the questions above. Other tenses may be possible, so please check if you wrote something different.

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