LESSON 10
A DAY AT WORK

● KEY POINT MEET DOUG

Is every day the same for you?
Do you have routines?
Do you have normal work days?

Routine Something you do every day
Two years ago 2 years earlier

Meet Doug. He works in California. He is a programmer. He has a routine every day. He goes out with his friends in the afternoon. See how his routine goes.

● LESSON PREPARATION

Usually Generally
I can go to work at 9 am.
Chess A game
I can play chess.
The end of the day When you finish
You can finish at the end of the day?
The front Leading
He may be in front.
An office complex Building
They have a big office complex.
To listen To hear
I may like to listen to music at work.

Normal Average
They had normal results.
A software For a computer
The software is new.
To start To begin
They started last week.
Two years ago Two years back
He worked two years ago.
A routine Repetition
They have a good routine at work.
An engineer A job
He was an engineer.
Nobody Not one person
Nobody was at the conference.

Expensive To cost money
That will be an expensive car.
A long time For a while
I worked with Jack a long time ago.
Special Exceptional
That is a special project.
Downtown City centre
We work downtown.
Responsibility Obligation
She will have many responsibilities.
Most of all
Most of all, we should work.
A search engine Google
They should use search engines to get information.

● SENTENCES

5 sentences
I installed my software three years ago.
Natasha is starting her routine as an engineer.
Their search engine is taking a long time.
Most of all I like going downtown.
It is the responsibility of the engineer.

● TEXT

A typical day of Doug Smith
3 sections

Doug Smith is having a normal day at work. He is a software engineer. He works for a Google in California. He started at the company two years ago. Here is the daily routine of Doug Smith a Google software engineer.

Here is his daily routine:

Doug lives in San Francisco. He works in San Jose. He could live in San Jose, but nobody lives there but San Francisco is also more expensive. It also takes a long time to get to work. There is a special bus from downtown San Francisco that he can use.

When at work, George has many responsibilities but most of all he works with algorithms. Basically he helps the search engine choose the best answers to the questions we ask. He has lunch with colleagues and usually gets one or two games of chess in a week.

At the end of the day most of the company returns to San Francisco so the bus is very active with conversation because they are all from Google. They meet in front of the office complex and the bus leaves at a scheduled time. Don't be late.

After he gets home he either has dinner and listens to music or goes out to dinner with friends. There are a couple of restaurants where they like to meet up, that are not far from home. Usually he is back by 11 pm. The Next day is same routine.

● QUESTIONS

Content questions

1) This story is about_____.
a) San Jose
b) San Francisco
c) a typical day for Doug Smith

2) Doug lives in San Francisco because _____.
a) it is expensive
b) nobody lives in San Jose
c) it takes a long time to get to work

3) At the end of the day, Doug takes the bus home and _____.
a) reads a book
b) talks with his colleagues
c) listens to music

4) After he gets home Doug goes to a restaurant _____.
a) not far from home
b) with colleagues
c) to listen to music

GRAMMAR

Example
You may see John.
Should we try?
We can not go.

Explanation
Modals change the definition of a sentence. Modals are used with regular verb structures but change the sense of a sentence adding obligation, permission possibility. May: permission
Questions

Structure
Regular sentence Subject + modal + verb. I should see Jack.
Negative Subject + modal + not + verb i should not see Jack.
Question Modal + subject + verb? Should i see Jack?

Negative
Should not / Shouldn't
Cannot / can't
Could not./ Couldn't

Questions

1) _____ I come in? Yes please do.
A. Can B. May C. Should

2) She _____ find a solution because she will present tomorrow.
A. can B. may C. should

3) Pam: I _____ visit if you like.

4) Peter: Jack and Steve _____ work because they are tired. Alain: No they shouldn't.
A. can B. may C. should not

5) Carol: The company _____   do the project.

6) _____ Janet call the client? I think she should ask.
A. Can B. May C. Should

7) Martin: _____ the boss do the job?

8) Norm: _____ he visit the team. Jay: It would not be a good idea.
A. Can't   B. May C. Shouldn't

9) Dan: _____ we begin? Ann: Yes of course you may?
A. Can B. May C. Should

10) Paul _____ see the presentation. He is too far away.
A. can't B. may not C. should not