Unit 3 — Digital Lives at Work — Teacher copy

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1. Vocabulary

Match each item to its meaning or use it in a sentence.

Term	Your note
remote work	
hybrid	
on-site	
video call	
asynchronous	
synchronous	
time zone	
work-life balance	
digital fatigue	
coworking space	
freelance	
team channel	
deliverable	
milestone	

2. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Vocabulary — digital workplace

remote work, hybrid, on-site, video call, asynchronous, synchronous, time zone, work-life balance, digital fatigue, coworking space, freelance, team channel, deliverable, milestone.

Reading — *Hybrid, Honestly*

Many workers say they enjoy working from home for two reasons: no commute and quieter focus. Many also admit that they miss bumping into colleagues. The common compromise — hybrid — gets defended weakly. Most people prefer hybrid because it minimises the downsides of both options, not because it maximises either.

Grammar — gerund vs. to-infinitive

After **enjoy, miss, admit, finish, mind, suggest, avoid, recommend, can't help**: gerund (-ing).

- *I enjoy working from home.*
- *They miss bumping into colleagues.*

After **want, plan, decide, choose, hope, refuse, agree, manage, learn**: to-infinitive.

- *They chose to work hybrid.*
- *He decided to leave the office at 5.*

After **like, love, hate, prefer, start, begin, continue**: both forms with very small meaning shift.

3. Practise

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1. Choose: gerund or to-infinitive: *I enjoy* _____ (work) from home. *I plan* _____ (apply) for a remote job.
2. Match: enjoy → -ing; want → to-infinitive; admit → -ing.

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3. Build 5 sentences using 5 different verbs that take gerund vs. to-infinitive.

4. Your turn

Opinion piece, 150 words. *Should young workers look for hybrid jobs?* Take a position. Use 2 gerunds + 2 to-infinitives + 1 *despite/because of*.

Sample

Young workers should consider hybrid roles, but not for the obvious reasons. They should choose to look at hybrid because it forces a small discipline: the need to plan working from home so it doesn't become lonely, and the need to plan office days so they aren't purely social. Despite the loud debate online, hybrid is rarely either heaven or hell. Most workers admit missing certain things on both sides. I enjoy working alone for long blocks; I also like to overhear ideas I wouldn't have asked about. I plan to look for a hybrid junior role for my first year of work, then decide based on what I actually feel — not on what the internet thinks I should feel.

5. Further reading / listening

- BBC Worklife — *The future of remote work*.
- The Atlantic — accessible essays on the workplace.

6. Teacher answer key

G. 1. working / to apply.

2. all true.

M. 3. Open.