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1. Career Crossroads - Three people are considering major career changes:

- **Alex:** A successful accountant wants to become a freelance photographer but would earn considerably less.
- **Priya:** A teacher has been offered a management position but would spend less time working directly with students.
- **Daniel:** An experienced engineer wants to leave a large company and join a small start-up with uncertain prospects.

Choose one person. Discuss the risks, possible rewards and questions they should consider before deciding. What would you advise?

2. Performance Review: The Conversation

One person is a manager; the other is an employee. The employee:

- Consistently meets deadlines.
- Has excellent technical skills.
- Rarely contributes ideas in meetings.
- Sometimes struggles to accept criticism.

The manager must recognise strengths while discussing areas for improvement. The employee should respond professionally, ask questions and suggest realistic goals.

3. What Does Success Mean? - Discuss these competing definitions of career success:

- Earning a high salary
- Having meaningful work
- Enjoying job security
- Having influence and responsibility
- Maintaining personal freedom
- Making a positive difference to society

Create your own top three. Explain whether your definition of success has changed over time.

4. The Future of Careers

In pairs, choose two of the following predictions and discuss whether you agree:

- People will change careers more frequently than previous generations.
- Formal qualifications will become less important than practical skills.
- Working for yourself will become more attractive.
- Artificial intelligence will create as many opportunities as it removes.
- Employees will increasingly expect employers to share their values.

Prepare a short conclusion: what will make someone employable in the future?

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