


# 33 Work from Home

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

## Language Point

<b>Grab drinks</b>	- go for a drink - get a drink - go drinking
<b>Are you feeling okay?</b>	- Not feeling well? - Are you feeling sick? - Are you under the weather?
<b>Do you find it tough to concentrate when you're home all day?</b>	
<b>Working in your pajamas? Watching TV?</b>	

## Key vocabulary

see if~	internal	jealous	distracted
telecommuting	institute	work environment	get back to work

## Part 1

### I. INTRODUCTION

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Working from home has become the new normal during the **global pandemic**. **Remote work** can be a **daunting task** for many people, especially if **boundaries** are not set between their personal and professional life.



### II. PRESENTATION

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#### A. Expressions

	Questions:
Are you feeling okay?	▪ What are some reasons people have to work remotely?
Do you find it tough to concentrate when you're home all day?	▪ Why do some people prefer working at the office over working remotely?
Working in your pajamas?	▪ What are some advantages of working from home?

## B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

**Victor:** Hi, it's Victor. How's it going?

**Jon:** I'm well, thanks. What's up?

**Victor:** I'm calling to see if you want to grab drinks after work today.

**Jon:** Thanks, but I can't. I'm working from home today.

**Victor:** Are you feeling okay?

**Jon:** Yes, totally fine. Our company lets us work from home when we don't have any internal or client meetings scheduled.

**Victor:** Wow! I'm so jealous. Do you find it tough to concentrate when you're home all day? Working in your pajamas? Watching TV?

**Jon:** It's easy to get distracted but I make sure I'm at my desk working and not on the couch. I also put on work clothes so that keeps me in work mode.

**Victor:** That's smart. I wish our company would institute a telecommuting policy.

**Jon:** You should speak to your HR department about it. Maybe they'll like the idea.

**Victor:** I guess I could. But they might think I don't like the work environment, so I'd better not bring it up.

**Jon:** I see what you mean. Anyway, thanks for calling, I need to get back to work. Speak to you later.

**Victor:** Bye.

## Q & A!



- Why do some people consider working from home depressing?
- What can be done to make sure that work assignments are carried out effectively even at home?
- Do you think telecommuting will continue to be an option in the coming years?

Part 2

**III. PRACTICE**

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

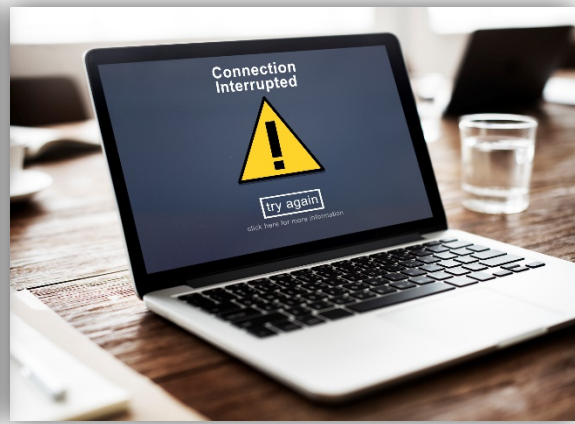
**A. Challenges of Working from Home**

*Directions:* Talk about some challenges of working from home.

Choose at least two from the topics below.



Blurred line between personal and professional life



Constant Internet connection problems



Pets interrupting your work



Distractions and external noise



## B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Create a clear work schedule that will help you draw the line between your work and personal life.



Morning Schedule	Afternoon Schedule	Evening Schedule
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Check emails</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Attend Online Meeting</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Workout</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li><li>▪ _____</li></ul>

## C. Role-Play

# Role-Play



You have an online meeting with your boss.  
He is asking about everyone's work from home experience.  
Share your own experience.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.