Debating the Pros and Cons of Relocating for a Job

CEFR C1 Roleplay



1. Warm-up Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are some reasons people choose to relocate for a job?
- 2. What factors should be considered when deciding whether or not to relocate?
- 3. How do you think relocation might affect someone's personal life?
- 4. What are the potential benefits of moving to a new city or country for work?
- 5. What could be some of the challenges or drawbacks of relocating for a job?
- 6. Have you ever relocated or thought about relocating for a job? What was the outcome or your thought process?

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2. Example Conversation: Debating the Pros and Cons of Relocating for a Job

Student A (Person Considering Relocation):"I've been offered a promotion, but it requires relocating to another city. I'm really torn about whether to accept it or not."

Student B (Friend): "That's a big decision. What are the main factors you're weighing?"

Student A:"Well, on the positive side, it's a significant career move, with a higher salary and more responsibility. But I'm worried about moving away from my family and friends."

Student B: "That's understandable. How far away is the new city? Would you still be able to visit them easily?"

Student A:"It's across the country, so visits would be less frequent. I'd probably only see them a few times a year."

Student B: "That could be tough. But have you considered the new experiences you could gain by moving to a different city? It might offer you opportunities you wouldn't have here."

Student A: "True, and the company is offering relocation support, so the financial burden of moving wouldn't be as bad. But I'm also concerned about the cost of living in the new city—it's much higher."

Student B: That's a valid point. Have you looked into whether the salary increase will cover the difference in living costs?"

Student A: "Yes, I've done the math, and while I'd be earning more, I'd also be spending a lot more on rent and everyday expenses."

Student B: So it sounds like you need to weigh the long-term benefits against the short-term challenges. Do you think the career advancement is worth the personal sacrifice?

Student A:"I'm leaning toward yes, but it's a big leap. I just don't want to regret leaving everything behind."

Student B: "Maybe it's worth taking a trial period—if the job doesn't work out, could you return or find something else back home?"

Student A: That's a good point. I think I'll talk to HR about that option. It's a bit less scary if there's a fallback plan."

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3. Background:

You have been offered a job promotion that requires you to relocate to a different city. The position comes with a higher salary and more career opportunities, but it also means leaving your current home, family, and friends behind. You are unsure whether the benefits of the new job outweigh the challenges of relocating. You need to discuss the pros and cons with a friend or colleague to help you make a decision.

4. Instructions:

Student A (Person Considering Relocation):

You have been offered a promotion that requires you to relocate to a different city. You are excited about the career opportunity, but you are also hesitant about leaving your current home and social life. Discuss the pros and cons of the relocation with your friend and try to come to a decision about whether to accept the offer.

Student B (Friend):

Your friend has been offered a promotion that requires relocating to a different city. They are unsure whether to accept the offer, as they have concerns about leaving their current home and loved ones behind. Help them by discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the relocation and giving advice based on your perspective.

5. Vocabulary List:

relocation, career advancement, cost of living, personal sacrifice, financial burden, promotion, social life, relocation support, fallback plan, higher salary