

1. CONTEXT



Side Hustles

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

2. QUESTIONS

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

Listening Questions 1

1. What is a side hustle?
_____.
2. What can a side hustle help people do?
_____.
3. What are two examples of a side hustle?
_____.
4. What are 3 reasons why people prefer side hustles over a regular job?
_____.
5. What is the biggest benefit of side hustles that stands out the most?
_____.

Listening Questions 2

1. What percentage of the US population are involved in the gig economy and how much do freelancers contribute to the US economy as of 2019?
_____.
2. What are two benefits of the gig economy for smaller businesses?
_____.
3. How do Fiverr, Behance and Gagster work?
_____.
4. What are companies around the world struggling to do?
_____.
5. Why will traditional hiring methods need to change?
_____.

3. LISTEN

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Discussion Questions

1. What kind of side hustle would you be interested in taking on and why? Have you heard of anyone having a side hustle?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the rising gig economy? Do you think it will continue to grow?

4. CHECK ANSWERS

Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

5. CHECK VOCABULARY

Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

6. READ ALOUD

Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

7. SHADOWING

Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

TRANSCRIPT 1

The side hustle is an **emerging** trend for those wanting to earn some extra money on the side. It is not a part-time job where you join a company and report to a boss. A side hustle is generally freelance or independent work that provides a way for people to get out of debt or learn how to manage their own company. They are also often known as gigs.

People who choose to take on a side hustle come from all walks of life. Students studying graphic design at university can create company logos on the side to help pay for tuition. People with piano experience can produce tracks for TV commercials and YouTube channels. In the IT field, coders can earn upwards of a \$1,000 for an hour of work by taking on specialized gigs.

So, what is the attraction? Why do people add to their already **hectic** schedules? Survey results from FreelanceHacks show that people enjoy working when and where they want. People can focus on their passion. The improved lifestyle, flexibility, and working environment boosts productivity by 13%. However, the one point that stands out is that people can be their own boss. They have the authority and **autonomy** to control their own career.

Emerging	Autonomy	Hectic	Lean on	Afford
Fill-in the blanks with the appropriate word / phrase above:				
1. I am concerned that we cannot _____ to provide skill training for all of our employees this fiscal year.				
2. It was _____ at work today. I had many phone calls and meetings.				
3. There are many _____ trends associated with workstyle and work environment due to the recent pandemic.				
4. Having more _____ gives employees the chance to solve problems by themselves and showcase their skills.				
5. You need to _____ people that you trust when you are experiencing difficulties and concerns.				

TRANSCRIPT 2

According to the Freelance Union, the gig economy has increased 30% since 2016. As of 2019, it is estimated that over 46% of the US population are part of the gig economy. The real size of this rapidly expanding area is not completely known. However, it is estimated that freelancers alone contribute over a trillion dollars to the US economy each year.

The gig economy also has benefits for smaller companies and start-ups that can't always **afford** to take on permanent employees. In these cases, they can **lean on** gig economy websites such as Fiverr, Behance and Gigster for professional services. These websites offer freelancers such as graphic designers, writers, and legal consultants a place to advertise their skills and allow customers to rate their experience. This allows companies to form a network of trusted service providers and raises freelancers' reputation and earning potential.

Questions remain regarding the impact that the gig economy will have on established companies and their practices. As reported by the OECD, companies around the world are struggling to hire enough skilled staff to fill positions needed to fulfill customers' requirements. With the increase in the number of people embracing the side hustle, traditional hiring methods will need to adapt in order for companies to attract the best talent.