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And I'm Beth. You can watch a video of this podcast and find a worksheet to help you learn on our website, bbclearningenglish.com.

Neil

Hi Beth, how are you today?

Beth

I'm very good, Neil. How are you?

Neil

I'm very well. What are we talking about?

Beth

Today we are talking about work and the **office**. An **office** is a place with desks and computers where people do their jobs.

Neil

OK. We are in a studio in the **office**, but we'll go back to the **office** after this.

Beth

Yes we will. So, Neil, where do you work? Do you work at home or do you work in the **office**?

Neil

Well, I do both of those things. I work in the **office** usually three days a week, and I work from home two days a week.

Beth

OK, I'm the same. We have the same schedule. So, yeah, at home twice, where I have, a sort of place that could be considered a home **office**. Do you like working in the **office**?

Neil

I do like working in the **office**. I think it's easy to get work done in the **office** because it's an office environment. It's a workplace. But I also quite like **working from home** sometimes because, commuting. London is a big city, you know,

coming to work and going back is really tiring if you do it every day.

Beth

Yeah, I know what you mean. I, I like **working from home** occasionally, but I definitely prefer being in the **office**. I think being with colleagues around you and I need people, and then I can work better.

Neil

Yeah. So what's wrong with **working from home**?

Beth

A lot! I think, when you're in the **office**, yeah, it's **louder** than at home, but I like having the people around me. I like being able to have conversations. I find it's **easier** to work in an **office** environment because everyone else is working. But I

feel **more lonely** at home because it's just me. So, yeah.

Neil

Yeah, I understand what you mean. I also have a bit of a problem with **working from home**, because the boundary or the line between work and home is not so clear. So when you finish your day, you close your computer and you think, oh, hang on, I'm still at home. This is where I've been working all day. And sometimes you feel like you should be doing things for home when you're actually working.

Beth

Yeah, it's a bit **weirder**. Like, it's, it's strange being at home because it's **harder** to know whether you should be working or doing a bit of housework. In the **office**,

it's **easier** to just sit and be with your laptop, be with your colleagues and just be, be working.

Neil

Have you ever worked somewhere that is not an **office**?

Beth

Yes. So I used to work at a farm. It was a farm park. So lots of children playing and there was a cafe. There was a play area, go carts, being with animals. So lots of different areas. And it was fun. Lots of variety. So that wasn't an **office**. What about you?

Neil

I've worked in all kinds of places, especially when I was a student. I worked in

factories, farms. I've worked in restaurants, bars, all kinds of places that are not **offices**.

Beth

You've done it all.

Neil

I've done it all. Let's recap some of the vocabulary we heard in this podcast.

Beth

We had **office**, a place with desks and computers where people go to work sometimes. At BBC Learning English, we work in the office.

Neil

We had **working remotely**, which we often also call **working from home**, and that means working somewhere that isn't

the office, for example, your home. But it could also be a cafe or something.

Beth

And we also had **colleagues**. These are the people that you work with.

Neil

And we compared working from home with working from an office. And we used lots of comparatives. So it's **harder** to concentrate at home or it's **more difficult** to get your work done in the office.

Beth

Yes. And it's **louder** in the office, but sometimes that's **better**.

Neil

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Beth

And next time we'll be talking all about
games. See you then.

Neil

Goodbye.

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