

Lesson 7: Perks and Benefits

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Steve is an employee at the Google Campus in California. One of his tasks is to welcome newly hired employees like Takeshi. Steve is giving the newcomers a quick rundown on the perks of working for Google.

Steve: Here at Google we value creativity. So, we provide some perks and benefits that will encourage our people to work.

Takeshi: Is it true that there's a Starbuck's inside the office building?

Steve: Yes. And all drinks and food are free. There are gourmet restaurants all over the campus, too.

Takeshi: That's awesome!

Steve: The management also believes that a healthy body makes a healthy mind. You can find all kinds of facilities for indoor and outdoor sports in the campus.

Takeshi: I saw some people playing ping pong and billiards in the lounge. Do those guys really work here? I mean, do all these games, massage rooms and sleeping pods really boost production?

Steve: Believe it or not, they pay off spectacularly. Highly satisfied employees **carry out** their jobs more efficiently.

Takeshi: I see. Well, I'm glad I will be working among highly satisfied Google employees.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. The soldiers successfully **carried out** their mission.
2. The new employee was able to **carry out** the boss' instructions well.
3. An investigation is being **carried out** by local police officers.

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3. Your Task

You work for the HR (= human resource) department, and you have been given the task of informing the new employee (= your tutor) of the perks and benefits supplied by the company. These include: 10 days paid vacation, 3 days emergency leave, a parking space, free gym membership, 10% discount in some hotels, and dental insurance. Give more details for each item.

4. Let's Talk

What would you do if you were asked to work overtime without extra pay?

Talk about the perks of being a celebrity. Would you like to be one? Why or why not?

Why are perks and benefits important?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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