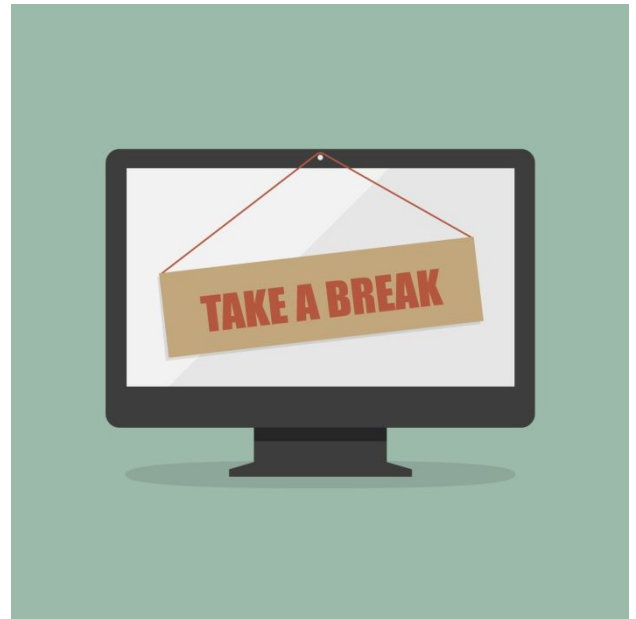


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WARM-UP

1. Discuss the questions:

- What's the idea of a gap year? Is it popular in your country?
- What about a career break for adults? Is it common?
- What are the reasons for career break?
- How do you think employers see people who take a career break?



VOCABULARY

2. Match words and phrases from the box with their meanings.

obsolete

disconnect

handful

diminish

keep up with

flip side

- 1) become less
- 2) the negative aspects of an idea, plan, or situation
- 3) a lack of connection or consistency
- 4) make progress or learn at the same speed as someone or something
- 5) a very small number of people or things
- 6) no longer produced or used; out of date

3. Complete the questions with some of the words from ex. 2.

- What can be the _____ of a career break?
- Should a career breaker _____ the labour market and the latest developments in their industry?
- What kind of skills can _____ when you are out of work for too long?
- Why can career breakers be viewed by employers as technologically _____ ?

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4. In pairs, answer the questions from ex. 3.

VIDEO & DISCUSSION

5. Watch the video and answer the questions:

a) Who are relaunchers?

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b) What reasons does the speaker give for taking career break?

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c) Why can returning to work after a career break be difficult?

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d) What is the longest career break that the speaker knows?

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e) What benefits can relaunchers bring for employers?

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f) What concerns do employers have about hiring relaunchers?

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g) What are reentry internship programs?

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6. Agree or disagree? Discuss these sentences.

- A career break can give me a boost to think about my future work life.
- My company is not in favour of taking career breaks.
- During a career break I could rest and return to work with renewed enthusiasm.
- Most companies are reluctant to hire relaunchers.