



CONTEXT ENGLISH PODCAST

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– Your hosts, Context English Podcast

Podcast Transcript – Working From Home

Emily: Hey... do you work from home? Or... maybe you want to try remote work, but you're not sure... what it's really like?

Jack: Yeah, like... you think it's easy, right? No boss, no office... just you, your laptop... and coffee.

Emily: Mhm... but then... your internet stops working, your dog starts barking, and you're still in pajamas at 2 PM.

Jack: Oh yeah... classic remote work life.

Emily: So today... in this podcast... we talk about real remote work. The good things... the bad things... and some... funny moments.

Jack: And we help you feel more confident using this phrase — remote work — in real life.

Welcome to Context English Podcast: Today's Topic Remote Work

Emily: Hello everyone... welcome to the Context English Podcast.

Jack: Hey guys... I'm Jack.

Emily: And I'm Emily.

Jack: Today's topic is... remote work. Working from home... your home office... your daily work routine.

Emily: Yeah, we talk about real life... not perfect life. How remote work feels... and how people really speak about it.

Jack: First, we give you a situation... something you know.

Emily: Then a real story with problems... and small mistakes.

Jack: After that, useful phrases... simple, practical.

Emily: And a short dialogue... so you can hear everything together.

Jack: And of course... a simple takeaway at the end.

Morning Coffee and a Laptop: The Dream vs. Reality

Emily: So... let's imagine this. It's morning... maybe 8:30. You wake up... no alarm stress, no bus, no traffic... nice, right?

Jack: Yeah... you just open your laptop... still in your kitchen... maybe with coffee.

Emily: You check your messages... your online job starts. Maybe your team is in another country... so everything is... online.

Jack: And your home office... hmm... it's not really an office. It's your table... or your bed sometimes.

Emily: Yeah... sometimes you work from bed... and you say, "Today I'm productive!" but... hmm... not always true.

Jack: Right... because then... YouTube opens... or Instagram... and your daily work routine is... gone.

Emily: Or... someone at home talks to you. Your partner... your kids... even your pet.

Jack: My dog... always wants attention when I have a meeting. Always.

Emily: Exactly. So remote work sounds easy... but real life is... a bit messy.

Jack: Also... communication is different. You don't see people face-to-face. Only messages... or video calls.

Emily: And sometimes... you don't understand everything. The English... the tone... the feeling.

Jack: Yeah... especially if you learn work from home English... you need simple, real phrases.

Emily: Because you don't want to sound like a robot. You want to sound... natural.

Jack: And that's what we do here.

Emily: We help you understand... and use real English for remote work... step by step.

But What Happens When You Really Speak?

Jack: So... remote work... sounds comfortable... but also a little chaotic, right?

Emily: Yeah... sometimes easy... sometimes stressful... sometimes funny.

Jack: But what happens when... you really try to communicate... in English... in your online job?

Emily: Hmm... maybe... not everything goes... as planned.

Jack: Exactly. So... let's look at a real story.

Emily: A story about remote work... with a small problem... and a very real situation.

Emily's Online Meeting: A Small Mistake and a Big Lesson

Emily: So... yeah... something like this actually happened to me last year... when I started a new remote work job. I was very excited... but also... hmm... a bit nervous.

Jack: New team?

Emily: Yeah... completely new. People from different countries... different accents... different styles.

Jack: That's already... a challenge.

Emily: Exactly. So... first week... everything is okay. I follow my daily work routine... check messages... do my tasks... simple.

Jack: Sounds good so far.

Emily: Yeah... but then... we had our first big online meeting.

Jack: Oh... I feel something coming.

Emily: Yeah... not a disaster... but... a little chaotic.

Jack: Tell me.

Emily: So... the meeting starts. Everyone is on camera... people say hello... "Hi Emily"... "Nice to meet you"... very friendly.

Jack: Good start.

Emily: Then my manager asks me a question... about a small project.

Jack: Easy question?

Emily: Hmm... yes... and no. I understand the topic... but the English... was a bit fast.

Jack: Yeah... that happens.

Emily: So I try to answer. I say... "Yes... I do this task... and... I finish yesterday... and... everything is... good."

Jack: Hmm... not perfect... but clear.

Emily: Yeah... but I felt... hmm... not confident. I wanted to sound more professional.

Jack: Of course.

Emily: Then my manager asks another question... and I don't understand one word.

Jack: What do you do?

Emily: I panic... a little. I just say... "Yes... yes... I agree."

Jack: Classic move.

Emily: Yes! But... problem... it was not a "yes" question.

Jack: Oh no...

Emily: Yeah... so everyone is quiet for a moment... and I think... "Hmm... something is wrong."

Jack: Awkward silence...

Emily: Then my colleague says... very kindly... "Emily, maybe you mean... something else?"

Jack: That's nice.

Emily: Yeah... very nice. And then I say... "Sorry... can you repeat?"

Jack: Good recovery.

Emily: This time... I listen more carefully. Slower in my head... you know... and I understand.

Jack: And your answer?

Emily: Much better. I say... "Oh, I see... no, I think we need more time for this task."

Jack: That sounds clear.

Emily: Yeah... simple... but clear. And after that... I feel more relaxed.

Jack: So the problem was not your work... but communication.

Emily: Exactly. My English was not perfect... but it was enough. I just needed... simple phrases... and confidence.

Jack: And maybe... not to say "yes" to everything.

Emily: Yes... very important lesson.

Jack: Step one of remote work... understand the question first.

Emily: Exactly. And also... don't be afraid to ask again.

Jack: Because in remote work... communication is everything.

Emily: Yes. No office... no face-to-face... only your voice... your words.

Jack: So simple English... is powerful.

Emily: Very powerful. And after that meeting... I started to use small phrases... like "Can you repeat?" or "Let me check."

Jack: And it helped?

Emily: A lot. I felt calmer... more in control.

Jack: Nice. So not perfect English... but real English.

Emily: Exactly. That's how remote work really looks like.

5 Simple English Phrases That Save You in Remote Work

Emily: Okay... let's look at some useful phrases... simple phrases... for remote work.

Jack: Yeah... phrases you can really use... in your online job.

Emily: Phrase one: “Can you repeat that?” Again... “Can you repeat that?”

Jack: Very important... very simple.

Emily: You use it when you don’t understand. Maybe the person speaks fast... or the connection is bad.

Jack: Like... “Sorry, can you repeat that? My internet is not very good.”

Emily: Yes... totally normal in remote work.

Jack: Phrase two: “Let me check.” Again... “Let me check.”

Emily: You use it when you need time... to think... or to look at something.

Jack: “Let me check... I think I finished this task yesterday.”

Emily: It gives you a moment... no stress.

Emily: Phrase three: “I’m not sure.” Again... “I’m not sure.”

Jack: And that’s okay to say.

Emily: Yeah... you don’t need perfect answers. You can say... “I’m not sure... I need more time.”

Jack: “I’m not sure about this part... can we discuss it later?”

Jack: Phrase four... our focus phrase: “remote work”. Again... “remote work.”

Emily: You use it to talk about your job style.

Jack: “I do remote work... so I stay at home.”

Emily: “Remote work is flexible... but sometimes a bit lonely.”

Jack: Simple... but very useful phrase.

Emily: And phrase five: “Can you help me with this?” Again... “Can you help me with this?”

Jack: Very human phrase.

Emily: Yeah... when you have a problem... don’t stay alone.

Jack: “Hey... can you help me with this file? I don’t understand.”

Emily: It makes communication easier... and more friendly.

Jack: So... these five phrases... are your tools.

Emily: Simple tools... but very powerful... for your daily work routine.

Hear the Phrases in a Natural Conversation

Emily: Okay... now let's hear a real conversation... with these phrases.

Jack: Listen carefully... this is how people really speak.

Emily: Hey Jack... uh... can you help me with this report?

Jack: Yeah, sure... what's the problem?

Emily: Hmm... I'm not sure about this number... it looks strange.

Jack: Let me check... yeah... I see it. I think it's wrong.

Emily: Oh... okay, good. Can you repeat what you said about the last part?

Jack: Yeah... I said we need to change the final section.

Emily: Ah... okay... let me check that again.

Jack: No problem.

Emily: You know... remote work is nice... but sometimes I feel... a bit lost.

Jack: Yeah... same here. Remote work is flexible... but communication can be hard.

Emily: Exactly. That's why I ask more questions now.

Jack: Good idea. It helps a lot.

Emily: Yeah... no more "yes... yes... I agree" when I don't understand.

Jack: Very good strategy.

Emily: Now... let's repeat some key lines.

Jack: Listen... and repeat.

Emily: "Can you repeat that?"

Jack: "Let me check."

Emily: "I'm not sure."

Jack: "Can you help me with this?"

Emily: "Remote work is flexible."

Be Clear, Not Perfect: What We Learned Today

Emily: So... today we talked about remote work... real remote work. Not perfect... not always easy... but very real.

Jack: Yeah... with good moments... and some... hmm... funny problems too.

Emily: Like saying “yes” when you don’t understand.

Jack: Please... don’t do that.

Emily: Better say... “Can you repeat that?” or “I’m not sure.”

Jack: Exactly. Simple phrases... make a big difference.

Emily: And remember... your English doesn’t need to be perfect. It just needs to be clear.

Jack: And honest.

Emily: So next time you have an online meeting... or you work from home... try to use one small phrase.

Jack: Step by step... you feel more comfortable.

Emily: And more confident... in your remote work.

Your Turn: Do You Like Remote Work?

Jack: Thanks for listening to the Context English Podcast.

Emily: Yeah... we’re really happy you’re here with us.

Jack: Quick question for you... do you like remote work... or do you prefer the office?

Emily: Hmm... think about it... and maybe... say your answer out loud.

Jack: Practice a little... every day.

Emily: And try to use today’s phrase... remote work... in your own sentence.

Jack: See you in the next episode.

Emily: Bye... and take care.

Educational Materials

After listening to the episode, take some time to explore the extra materials. You will find the key **vocabulary** and **useful phrases** from the conversation. There is also a **short quiz** to check your understanding (answers: 1-B, 2-C, 3-AC, 4-B, 5-AC), plus **discussion questions** to help you practice speaking. These tools work together to make your learning deeper and more natural. Use them at your own pace, and you will see progress step by step.

Essential Remote Work Vocabulary (A2–B1 Level)

remote /rɪ'moʊt/ — adjective → far away; working from home, not in an office.

pajamas /pə'dʒɑ:məz/ — noun (plural) → soft clothes you wear to sleep at night.

productive /prə'dʌktɪv/ — adjective → doing a lot of work or getting good results.

flexible /'fleksəbəl/ — adjective → able to change easily; not fixed.

confident /'kɒnfɪdənt/ — adjective → feeling sure about yourself and your abilities.

repeat /rɪ'pi:t/ — verb → to say or do something again.

check /tʃek/ — verb → to look at something carefully to make sure it is correct.

task /tæsk/ — noun → a piece of work that you have to do.

meeting /'mi:tiŋ/ — noun → when people come together to talk about work or ideas.

mistake /mɪ'steɪk/ — noun → something that is wrong or not correct.

Useful English Phrases

Can you repeat that? → use this when you didn't hear or didn't understand something.

Let me check. → say this when you need a moment to think or look at something.

I'm not sure. → a polite way to say that you don't know the answer now.

Can you help me with this? → ask this when you have a problem and need support.

I work from home. → a simple way to describe your remote work situation.

Sorry, I didn't catch that. → a friendly way to say that you didn't hear or understand.

Could you say that again, please? → a more polite version of "Can you repeat that?".

I think I finished this task yesterday. → an example sentence to talk about completed work.

Remote work is flexible but sometimes a bit lonely. → a real-life sentence to describe the feeling.

Yes, I agree. → be careful! Only use this when you really understand and agree.

English Quiz – Test Your Vocabulary

What was Emily's problem in the online meeting?

- Her internet stopped working.
- She didn't understand a question and said "yes" when it wasn't a "yes" question.
- Her dog was barking loudly.
- She was late for the meeting.

Which phrase did Emily NOT use to fix the situation?

- Can you repeat that?
- Let me check.

- I'll do it later.
- I'm not sure.

According to the podcast, which two things can help you feel more confident in remote work?

- Using simple, clear phrases.
- Always saying “yes” to be polite.
- Asking again when you don't understand.
- Working only in pajamas.

What is the main lesson from Emily's story?

- You need perfect English for online jobs.
- Communication is everything; it's okay to ask for help.
- Never join an online meeting with a new team.
- Always write your answers before speaking.

Which two phrases from the episode mean “I need time to think”?

- Let me check.
- Can you repeat that?
- I'm not sure.
- I agree.

Practice English Writing – Discussion Questions

1. Do you work or study from home? Describe one good thing and one difficult thing about your remote work routine.
2. What do you usually do when you don't understand someone in an English online meeting?

Try to answer these questions in the [comments](#)! This is very important for practicing and remembering what you learned.

Thank you & keep going

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