

Woman: People don't like to work. Well, I don't like it either...
 Man: You have to. But, It's not like we hate working.
 Woman: Yeah, there are people who like their work in a way but there are a lot of them who don't, though they could work if they wanted to. I think everybody would choose not to work if they could do it but it also depends on what kind of man you are.



SHOPKEEPERS

Beyond the fact that it's compulsory, I like work very much. When I was an employee, it wasn't any trouble for me to do some extra hours or that there was a lot of work to do. What comes to my mind about work is that since my childhood I always wanted to work in an office, I always used to play with papers and documents, but otherwise I can't really remember. Of course, I've seen this from my parents, because in our family there have never been any wasters. There was free time, but if there was work to be done, then we did it. That was what they taught me.

Work is a fundamental human need. Through work, and somehow this is related to economy, you can find yourself. I grew up in a family where my father always used to say 'I have been taking care of myself since I was five'. Nice, but I didn't ask them to give birth to me! And that system, too, was such that only physical work, like hammering or filing, was considered to be real work; things like healing, teaching people or playing Beethoven's Concerto for violin, that's not work, that's just entertainment. So, my relation to work has always been very ambiguous.



ESTATE AGENT



TEACHER

Work for me, means that I have to do it to earn a living. Nothing else, it doesn't mean anything more. If I didn't have to, I'd stop working immediately, that's sure. And I'd make up for everything that I've missed in my life. There are loads of things. I haven't seen the sea yet, even though I'm forty.



WAITER



HOTEL RECEPTIONIST

I always like to be honest in doing my work, to do everything that my employer demands, so to be honest because if you only survived on dishonest ways, that wouldn't be good. I like to speak to people, I like to take care of them and if I'm in a good mood, I can offer them some gentleness. The joy of work is good for humans, that's wonderful. The joy of work that's been well done. That gives you self-esteem.

I always tell my wife, we have been together for forty years now, that even if I had to load shit, I would still go to work. Nobody can tell me that there are no jobs in Hungary - there are. It's idleness that would get on my nerves. Even if I had one billion Forints, I couldn't just sit at home, staring out of my head. I think I'd carry on working where I am now, just maybe I'd go to the factory by Limousine. I'd park it near the car of the big boss, but these are pipe dreams.

My grandfather was a very wealthy man, but when communism came, as was common at that time, he lost everything. Then he became a ironworker. And the special thing was that he became a Stachanovist (highly productive worker) Because the only thing that he was used to was that you have to work. And he continued working as before, because he believed that if you do something then you have to do it with pride.



PRINTER

Well, unfortunately, or not, you have to work. In Hungary it's going to be more and more difficult to find a job, especially if, like me, you're over 45. My original specialization as a relief printmaker, has already disappeared. Everything has changed. It's habit that pushes you forward. I grew up in a family where my parents and grandparents worked all the time. Even as a child I did agricultural work and things like that, at weekends and whenever I could, so I could buy a bicycle, then a motorbike, then when I got married, it all became compulsory.



BAR OWNER

It is like doing a crossword. It's exciting. I like work which is varied and I feel my current job provides me with this. I have many specializations. This isn't my first workplace and I hope it isn't the last one, but now I feel that I do something I like doing. And it is important to like your work because if not, it's good for nothing. Without work it would be just terribly boring.



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CAR MECHANIC

Work is the essence of man. It was work that made man to be a man. This was why I became a tradesman. I was sure I wouldn't become a millionaire through this, I simply wanted to work. It is said, you can't earn money with work and that is basically true. Just look around and you can see that millionaires, billionaires are not earning money through work, but otherwise.



FACTORY WORKER