



This week...

Chris has been offered a new job at another company. He is talking to Akio about the pros and cons of accepting the new position.

Lesson Objectives...

- The pros and cons of accepting a job offer
- Giving advice

Business English Conversation

Super Class



If you had a job offer from another company, would you consider taking it?

How is that man feeling?



A



B



Chris	Akio, I would like to run something by you if you don't mind.
Akio	Sure, Chris. Go ahead.
Chris	I have been offered a job at another company and I am tossing up whether I should take it or not.
Akio	You have to weigh up the pros and cons before seriously considering accepting a position with another company.
Chris	The salary they are offering is a fair bit higher than what I currently get at this company.
Akio	Money is not the only thing to consider. You also have to think about the work environment, commuting time, benefits and career prospects.
Chris	I haven't really given those things much thought.
Akio	My advice to you is to not make any hasty decisions . Think about things carefully before deciding on which path you want to take .
Chris	Thanks, Akio. I appreciate your help.



Student A has been offered a job at another company. He/she is talking to Student B about whether he/she should take the position or not.

Key Phrases

- I would like to run something by you, if you don't mind.
- I've been offered a job at another company.
- I am tossing up whether I should take it or not.
- Thanks. I appreciate your help.
- You have to weigh up the pros and cons.
- is not the only thing to consider.
- You have to think about
- Think about things carefully before deciding on which path you want to take.
- *Other*

Things to Consider

- salary
- location
- work environment
- people
- career prospects
- benefits
- job stability
- *other*



Talk about one of the following topics for one minute:

1. The future of the job market in Japan.
2. The risks associated with accepting a job offer with another company.
3. The most important things to consider before accepting a job offer.

*Other students in the class, ask one question each to the presenter after the speech

- Has your career gone in the direction that you expected?
- What would be the main reason you would accept a job offer from another company?
- What kind of job do you think would be perfect for you?

I am tired of all the arguing between the employees. I am really thinking **to jump ship**.



waiting in the wings – waiting patiently for a specific opportunity

- She'll be the department manager one day. For now she is just **waiting in the wings**.

to jump ship – to leave your current company

- As soon as he heard the company was in trouble, **he jumped ship**.

to drag your heels – to do things slowly and reluctantly

- The managers said to expect a promotion, but they're really **dragging their heels**.



Performance Review

A performance review, or appraisal, is the method of measuring employee performance and productivity. These meetings are used to compliment employees on their strengths and highlight weaknesses to help them improve. Next week we will look at annual performance reviews.