Restructuring



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This week...

The company Fiona and Max work for is undergoing some restructuring to become more efficient. They discuss what this means and what will happen.

Lesson Objectives...

- Restructuring
- Discussing concerns

Business English Conversation

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Warm Up – Topic Question





What are the risks of restructuring?

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Planning 2



Picture Description

What are they having a meeting about?





What are those two men writing down?

*Create a short story using the following format

- 1. Who
- 2. Where
- 3. When
- 4. What's happening?

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Planning 3





*Create simple sentences using the vocabulary I think our company is planning to **restructure**.

- 1. restructure
- 2. possible
- 3. profits
- 4. efficient







- 1. I don't know if you have heard, but our departments are going to merge.
- 2. It means that we have to rethink our strategy.
- 3. That sounds like a huge challenge.
- 4. It is possible that I calculated it incorrectly.



- Words
- Phrases



Max	OK.
	I guess as long as it's in the best interests of the company, then it's
Fiona	Our profits have been falling. Restructuring should make us more efficient again.
Max	Why is the company restructuring?
Fiona	I don't think so. It is possible that some people will lose their jobs, but not in our department.
Max	That sounds worrying. Will you or I lose our jobs?
Fiona	It means that a lot of the company's processes, departments and operations may change.
Max	What exactly does that mean?
Fiona	Hey, Max. I don't know if you have heard, but the company is going to restructure soon.

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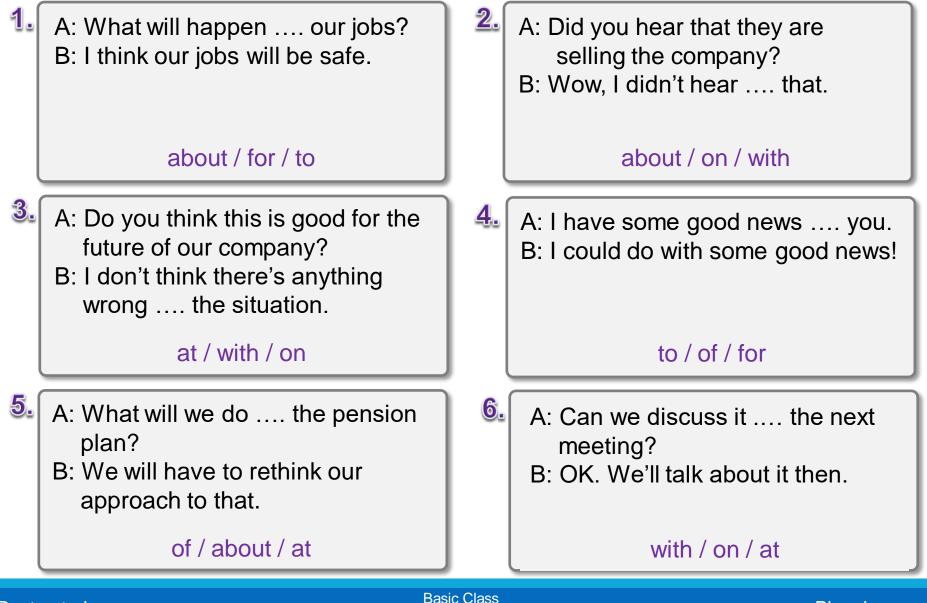


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Responses - Prepositions

*please select the most appropriate **ZEnglish** response for each item below:





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Role Play – Restructuring



Student A is worried about a big restructure that is about to happen. Student B addresses his/her concerns.



Student A: I'm really worried about the upcoming restructure. Student B: What are you concerned about? *Continue the conversation using the

Key Phrases and Concerns from below.

Key Phrases

- I'm worried that the company will
- What will happen if we have to?
- Do you think that the company will?
- Do you think we will lose our jobs?
- I think our jobs will be safe.
- I understand your concern.
- I think it's in the best interest of the company.
- Other

Concerns

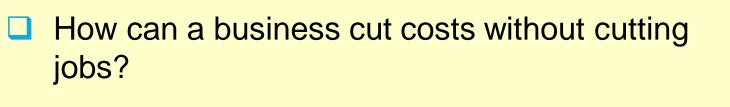
- outsource jobs
- merge departments
- sell assets
- lay off staff
- cut pay
- move premises
- other

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Can you think of any major Japanese companies that have restructured?

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assets	-	We won't be selling off any assets.
best interest	-	It's in his best interest to speak to the CEO.
efficient	-	It's not a very efficient use of our time.
lay off	-	We will have to lay off some staff.
outsource	-	They are outsourcing operations to China.
possible	-	I don't think it will be possible.
profits	-	Profits have been down this year.
restructure		The company is going to restructure.