

## Liisa's Job

Janis: Hi Liisa. Is it okay if I ask you some questions about your job?

Liisa: Yes, it is.

Janis: Great. So, what is your job?

Liisa: I work in marketing.

Janis: In marketing? Okay. So, what would your job title be?

Liisa: My title is director of marketing.

Janis: Okay. Great. So, where do you work?

Liisa: I work at an importing company.

Janis: An importing company?

Liisa: Yes.

Janis: And what kind of things do you import?

Liisa: We import housewares products. We import things like photo frames and candles.

Janis: Oh, nice.

Liisa: And home decor items.

Janis: Okay, great. So Liisa, what do you like about your job?

Liisa: I like the fact that I work with all of the different people in my company. And I also look at very beautiful product all day.

Janis: Oh, that is nice.

Liisa: Mmm hmmm.

Janis: It is, yeah. And is there anything that you dislike?

Liisa: Um. I dislike the office politics in my job.

Janis: Oh, interesting!

Liisa: Yes.

Janis: In your job? Or in your office.

Liisa: Oh, in my office.

Janis: In your ...in your company?

Liisa: Yes. Yes.

Janis: That's too bad.

Liisa: It is.

Janis: And how many hours do you work a week?

Liisa: I work between forty and fifty hours a week.

Janis: Oh, that's a lot.

Liisa: Yes, it is.

Janis: Okay. And what are your hours?

Liisa: I'm very lucky. I can start really any time. So I normally start at about 9:30, sometimes 10:00 and I work until about 6, 6:30 every day

Janis: Oh, okay.

Liisa: Sometimes on the weekends, but not often.

Janis: Okay, that's not bad.

Liisa: Uh huh.

Janis: And what's the starting salary for that type of job?

Liisa: Most people who start in marketing would probably start at about 35 to 40 thousand a year.

Janis: Okay. That's not bad.

Liisa: Uh huh.

Janis: And do you get any benefits?

Liisa: You know what, I do get benefits. We get extended health care benefits.

Janis: Okay.

Liisa: So, I get a certain amount of money towards things like massages and chiropractic care which I have used which is very nice.

Janis: Yes. How about dental?

Liisa: We also get dental. I believe the dental coverage covers about 80%.

Janis: Okay. So that's not bad.

Liisa: Yes. It's nice.

Janis: Good. And how long have you worked at that company?

Liisa: I have worked there for about four and a half years.

Janis: Okay. And how are your boss and your coworkers?

Liisa: My boss is very nice. He's actually also a friend of mine.

Janis: Okay.

Liisa: And many of my coworkers are very nice to work with.

Janis: Oh, good.

Liisa: Some not so much, but most are very nice.

Janis: Okay, good. And what did you do to get the job?

Liisa: This time around I had a telephone interview because I lived in Toronto and the job is here in Vancouver. I had a telephone interview for about forty-five minutes with the owner of the company.

Janis: What education or special training do you need for that kind of job?

Liisa: Normally for marketing you would need some marketing courses. I studied international business for three years and part of international business studies were, I believe, two or three marketing courses.

Janis: Okay. And what experience did you need for the job?

Liisa: Again my sales experience helped me greatly and I did have a little bit of market experience... marketing experience and I also have experience in buying which was also a great help.

Janis: Liisa, where are you from?

Liisa: I grew up in Finland and I have lived in Toronto and now I live in Vancouver.

Janis: Good. And you've been in Canada for a long time.

Liisa: I have. Since 1973.

Janis: Okay. Uh, Liisa, what kind of job would you like to have in the future?

Liisa: I would like to be back in the sales position.

Janis: Really?

Liisa: Yes.

Janis: So we hope your boss doesn't see the video. Ha ha ha. Why?

Liisa: In sales, there's even more customer contact which I really enjoy.

Janis: Okay.

Liisa: And also, it allows me not to be inside the office every day.

Janis: Yeah.

Liisa: I would actually be outside meeting customers.

Janis: Okay.

Liisa: And not sitting behind a desk all day.

Janis: Okay. Very interesting, Liisa. Thank you very much for answering my questions.

Liisa: Oh. Thank you very much, Janis. My pleasure.