

2A Ideal company

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1 Work with a partner. Look at the criteria for an ideal company and choose the five most important and the five least important.

My ideal company:

- has a female CEO
- gives six months' paid maternity leave and one month paid paternity leave
- has a crèche facility
- has a good quality canteen
- gives equal pay to women and men
- gives employees a laptop computer and mobile phone for business and personal use
- has opportunities for promotion and personal development
- awards bonuses and gives fringe benefits to employees
- provides at least six weeks' training a year
- has an annual staff party
- has a generous company pension scheme
- allows women with three children to retire at 55
- has a gym and sports facilities
- pays one month extra salary to employees who have a new baby or who get married



2 Make sentences about your ideal boss from the prompts below using the adverbs of frequency in the box. Then compare your sentences with a partner.

My ideal boss:

- reads my emails
- lets me make personal calls at work
- takes me out to dinner
- has regular update meetings with me
- sends me on trips
- calls me by my first name
- phones me at home to discuss work
- leaves me to get on with my work
- chats about his/her family and other non-work-related topics
- brings me coffee
- sets regular deadlines and targets
- lets me leave work early
- says thank you
- praises me
- gives me lots of responsibility
- lets me work from home

always	usually	often	sometimes	not often	hardly ever
never	every day	every week	twice a year	once a month	

