

EVOLVE LEVEL 6, Unit Quiz 5A

- Jack** On today's Success Podcast, we have two guests who work remotely. Melanie, based in Barcelona, and Connor from Argentina. So, Melanie, how did you convince your boss to let you work remotely?
- Melanie** Hi, Jack. It was simple really. I calculated how much time at work I was on my computer and how much time I was needed in the office. I told my boss that if I worked from home full time, it would not only have a positive impact on my productivity but my desk and computer would be free for another colleague.
- Jack** And did your boss agree?
- Melanie** Not quite. He was skeptical at first but agreed to a month long trial with me working three days from home and two in the office.
- Jack** And what happened?
- Melanie** Well, he was amazed how much I got done. Now I go in just once a week for training and some meetings. I'm trying to convince him to have all our meetings remotely but I think he likes seeing people in person.
- Jack** Thanks, Melanie. Now Connor, what do you do and why do you do it remotely?
- Connor** I coordinate marketing strategy for a design company. Most of my time is spent in meetings with clients and colleagues using online video chats. I also spend some time planning strategy. I find home is a better environment to think creatively.
- Jack** And has working remotely resulted in increased productivity?
- Connor** It's difficult to calculate. But I feel that I am producing better quality work with less stress. In an office, a lot of the stress stems from the fact that you are interrupted so many times. Now people contact me via email, which I can deal with all at once at the beginning or end of the day, which saves time.
- Jack** Thanks Connor, let's take a break.