

Why Is Everyone Quitting Their Jobs? - Getting Back To Normal-ish | The Daily Show

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5fOUgKwCYM>

VOCABULARY IN THE VIDEO

I WARM-UP QUESTIONS

1. Think of the first time when you quit a job – did it feel like **a rite of passage** for you?
2. Think of the last time you decided to **walk away from** a job – what made you do so?
3. How much **notice** are you supposed to give your employer if you wanted to **call it quits**?
4. Which sector of the French economy is currently experiencing a **shortage** of workers?
5. Why do you think so many businesses in Great Britain are **scrambling** to hire new staff these days?

Now match the expressions in bold to their definitions below:

- a. to compete with other people for something there is very little of
- b. to decide to abandon an activity or venture
- c. to leave a job
- d. the period of time that you must work after you have said that you are leaving your job, or after you have been asked to leave
- e. an official ceremony or informal activity that marks an important stage or occasion in a person's life, especially becoming an adult
- f. a situation in which there is not enough of something

II Use the words from the table to complete the sentences below. There's one extra word you won't need.

<i>day</i>	<i>point</i>	<i>hand</i>	<i>breather</i>	<i>credit</i>	<i>curve</i>
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1. After a 20-year American presence in Afghanistan, the Taliban *gained the upper* _____ in the country.
2. Let's *take a* _____ before we finish loading the truck.
3. Of course I'll listen to what she has to say but *at the end of the* _____, it's my decision.
4. He *was ahead of the* _____ in the early 1960s when he started promoting running for health.
5. *He's got a* _____ *there*; if you sell the house now you'll lose money, so why not wait till next year?

Do you remember how the expressions in *italics* were used in the video?

COMPREHENSION

III Watch again the second half of the video and note down examples how these American companies are trying to make the jobs they offer more appealing [06:50 – 07:35]:

- R.E.I.: -
- LinkedIn -
- Kickstarter -
- Bumble -
- Nike -

IV UNDERSTANDING HUMOUR How do you understand the following joke?

"We can't have GOFUNDME employees quitting. American healthcare depends on it!"

What other jokes from the video made you laugh?

WRITING/SPEAKING Read the following quote from the video:

“There is more to life than making money. And the pandemic has forced people to reconsider whether their jobs were really how they wanted to spend their entire lives.”

Did you have similar reflections about the meaning of life or the purpose of your career throughout the pandemic? If you were to launch a (quirky) second career, what would it be? What’s stopping you from going down that new path?