## **Employment Trends**

- 1. In many countries there has been an increase in hourly paid employment. Why do you think that is?
- 2. Would you prefer to be paid by the hour or paid a fixed salary? Why?
- 3. Why do some people choose to work part time? Would this suit you?
- 4. What is the ideal number of hours a person should work every week? Are you happy with your hours?
- 5. What is the unemployment rate in your country right now? Is it increasing or decreasing?
- 6. What is the best thing a government can do to keep unemployment low in your opinion?
- 7. In certain countries like the UK, there are fewer manufacturing jobs than in the past. Why is this?
- 8. Are there any jobs that you think will not exist in 20 years' time? What are they?
- 9. Can you think of any new professions that will be created in the near future?
- 10. What did your parents and grandparents do for a living? How is it different to what you are doing now?
- 11. What impact has migrant labour had on your country in recent years? Would you like to see more or less in future?
- 12. Is self-employment on the increase in your country? Does it appeal to you?