

Dictogloss: The Gig Economy

Topic: Business & Economics

Level: *** ** [B2/C1]

Vocabulary: Formal verbs

Grammar: Noun phrases [[A comprehensive definition of the gig economy](#) ^(noun phrase) is ^(verb)]

Time: 20-30 minutes

Lesson Plan

1. Activate schemata – what do you know about the gig economy?

2. Try to elicit key vocabulary: [[discuss these words – if lower level learners](#)].

Autonomy / encapsulate / collaboration / encompass / credible / segregation / a driver / instigate / insecurities

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3. Read out the text 2 times at normal speed & students take notes.

4. Then in pairs / threes try to construct the whole text [10-15 minutes].

5. Teacher Feedback – Check to original.

6. Noticing skills – ask students to highlight noun phrases [4] & formal academic verbs [4]. Ask students to look at how noun phrase could be written less formally or ask students to rewrite the noun phrases informally ([see activity](#)).

Dictation

A comprehensive definition of the gig economy is [] [] that [] autonomous, [] [] working relationships (gigs). This [] the labour services of trading in goods and [] []. A credible [] of the gig economy would be to divide it into [] ; accommodation, [], household, professional and [] services which are generally accessed through [] or databases. The key drivers of this [] market have been [] through digitalisation, reductions in [] working contracts and financial [].

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Student's copy

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Highlighted: [noun phrases](#) & **formal academic verbs**

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Rewriting noun phrases – Try to rewrite these noun phrases so they are informal

1) A comprehensive definition of the gig economy

2) This encompasses the labour services of trading in goods and renting assets.

3) A credible segregation of the gig economy would be...

4) The key drivers of this flexible labour market have been instigated...

Answers

1) A comprehensive definition of the gig economy

ex. The gig economy can be defined as...

2) This encompasses the labour services of trading in goods and renting assets.

ex. This includes trading in goods and renting assets

3) A credible segregation of the gig economy would be...

ex. The gig economy can be divided into ..

4) The key drivers of this flexible labour market have been instigated...

ex. The main reasons for the gig economy are digitalisation