Who works from home?

Reading + Grammar: **comparing groups with numbers**

1 KEY VOCABULARY

hybrid working	*n.*	working partly from home and partly at the office
commute	*n. / v.*	the journey to and from work
survey	*n.*	a set of questions asked to many people
well-being	*n.*	feeling healthy, comfortable and happy
trend	*n.*	the general direction of change
respondent	*n.*	a person who answers a survey
a quarter	*n.*	25%, one in four
more likely to	*phr.*	with a higher chance of doing something
compared with	*phr.*	used to show the difference between two numbers
face-to-face	*adj.*	in person, not online

2 USEFUL PHRASES & EXPRESSIONS

- **I work from home two days a week.** — *describe your work pattern*
- **Parents were more likely to hybrid work.** — *compare two groups*
- **It's more common among over-30s.** — *say which group does it more*
- **29%, compared with 19%** — *contrast two figures*
- **I save time on my commute.** — *explain a benefit*
- **I prefer face-to-face meetings.** — *state a preference*

6 CULTURE & BUSINESS INSIGHT

★ **Hybrid is the new normal**

In Great Britain, around a quarter of workers now combine office and home working. Companies use hybrid models to attract talent, but they must also plan face-to-face time to keep teams connected.

3 THE KEY POINT

To compare groups with data, use **more / less likely to** + verb, **more common among** + group, **number + more / fewer** + noun, and **compared with**.

Parents were **more likely to** hybrid work than non-parents.
Hybrid working was **more common among** people aged over 30.
29% of over-30s hybrid worked, **compared with** 19% of 16- to 29-year-olds.

4 QUICK PRACTICE

Complete with fewer, compared, likely or common.

1. Younger workers are less ___ to work from home.
2. Hybrid work is more ___ among managers.
3. In our office, 40% work remotely, ___ with 25% last year.
4. Hybrid workers spend ___ minutes commuting.

5 ANSWERS & EXPLANATION

Answers: 1 likely · 2 common · 3 compared · 4 fewer

likely is followed by *to + verb*; **common** by *among + group*; **compared with** introduces the second number; **fewer** is used with countable nouns (minutes).

Today's resource: Who are the hybrid workers? (Office for National Statistics) · https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/whoarethehybridworkers/2024-11-11

> *Where we work is changing — how well we work together matters more than ever.*



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