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Meet the Entrepreneur

Entrepreneurship is a dream that many people have. However, not everyone is willing to take the risks associated with starting a business.

Get to know someone who is an entrepreneur. Think of an owner of any business. The business may be a small shoe repair shop or a large auto dealership. The business may provide a service or sell a product. To get to know the person, you can interview him or her in person or on the phone. Or, think about inviting the person to come to class to be a guest speaker. If you interview the entrepreneur, report your findings to the class. Use the questions listed below or you can also think of your own questions to ask.

- What type of business do you own?
- How did you decide to go into business for yourself?
- What did you need to know before starting your own business?
- What did you need to do before starting your own business?
- What type of encouragement/concerns did you hear from family and friends when you announced that you were starting your business?
- What are the advantages of owning your own business?
- What are the disadvantages of owning your own business?
- How many hours do you work each week?
- If you have employees working for you, what difficulties have you experienced?
- Are there any sacrifices you have had to make to start your own business? If so, what were the sacrifices?
- What type of advice would you give to people who want to start their own businesses?