ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF WORKING AS A FREELANCER (ПЕРЕВАГИ ТА НЕДОЛІКИ РОБОТИ ФРІЛАНСЕРА)

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Розглянуто особливості роботи фрілансера, представлено аналіз переваг та недоліків цієї професії.

Nowadays, telecommuting has become widespread all over the world due to the modern information and communication technologies. This way of work organization is extensively applied in the sphere of freelance. It is popular with the specialists engaged in creative work.

The main advantages of working as a freelancer are as follows:

- 1. Freelance can be a great opportunity to turn your hobby into a dream job.
- 2. If you are a student, freelance can be an ideal work which will help you to build your portfolio and get some work experience as well.
- 3. While working as a freelancer, you are your own boss. This gives you an opportunity to make a flexible working schedule.
- 4. Working on different projects with various companies can make you a public person in the creative field.
- 5. You can filter the range of clients and companies you would like to work with.

The main disadvantages of freelance are as follows:

- 1. As you work from home, you become extremely isolated from society. This can cause problems regarding your physical and mental state.
- 2. The Internet is not a safe space for everyone, so sometimes freelancers can be involved in a fraud scheme. This may result in stolen works and cancelled payments.
- 3. Due to the free and unstable nature of freelance, you can't expect to have a steady workload and an income.
- 4. It's very common for freelancers to overwork. It happens because of the blurred boundaries between working hours and personal life.
- 5. Being self-employed won't bring you any benefits like sick leaves or vacation days.

Thus, the need for quality, reliable freelancers is growing as freelancers cost less to businesses than employees do, even if they pay a higher rate – because they don't have payroll fees or benefits.