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HOLIDAY ANSWERS

Calm, honest things to say when family asks about work.

How to use it: fill in the **[brackets]** before dinner. Say it once, smile, and move on.

1 *"So, what are you up to these days?"*

"I'm between roles right now, and I'm taking my time to find the right one."

2 *"Any luck with the job search?"*

"It's moving. I'm focused on [type of role], and I'll share news when there is some."

3 *"What happened with your last job?"*

"My role was cut in a restructuring. It happens a lot, and I'm using the time well."

4 *"You've been off a while now, haven't you?"*

"I have. I took time for [family / my health / a reset], and now I'm ready and looking."

5 *"Why not just take anything for now?"*

"I've thought about it. For now I'm aiming for [field], and I'll rethink it if it takes too long."

6 *"A whole new career? At this point?"*

"Yes. I'm moving toward work that suits me better, and I'm taking a course in [skill] to get there."

7 *"So what do you do all day?"*

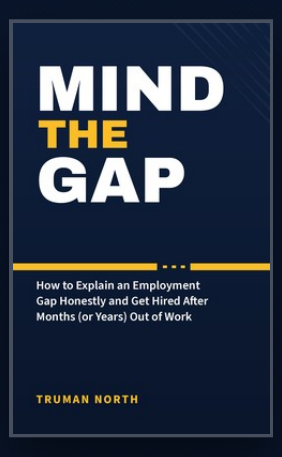
"Applications and calls in the morning, a course or project in the afternoon. It keeps me busy."

8 *"Want me to ask around for you?"*

"Yes, thank you. I'm looking for [role] roles. If you hear of anything, I'd love an intro."

HOW TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT

Answer in one sentence, then hand it back with a question about them: **"I'll keep you posted. How's [the new house / the trip / the kids] going?"** You don't owe anyone details, and you don't need to apologize.



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