Pushing the limits



1 Vocabulary
Work

Work out the meaning of the expressions in **bold** below. Then match each one of them with an appropriate definition.

1 Maria has really impressed her managers and is already **in the running for** a promotion after only six months.

2 We currently have four **positions to fill** within the department. It will certainly take a while for the new recruits **to get up to speed** and understand how the company works.

3 Charlie has no social life at the moment -- he is completely **snowed under with** assignments for his master's and he **has** recently **taken on more responsibility** at work.

4 After Claire graduates, she wants to follow her passion and **go into** politics.

5 I just don't think that Marcel is **cut out to be** a doctor -- he wouldn't be able to handle the stress.

a. to be in the running for something
b. to fill a position
c. to get up to speed
d. to be snowed under with something
e. to take on more responsibility
f. to go into something
g. to be cut out to do something

( ) to be willing to carry out more duties than you had to previously
( ) to have a strong chance of achieving something
( ) to have too many things to do
( ) to have the qualities that are needed for a particular job
( ) to find someone to do a particular job
( ) to learn what you need to do
( ) to get a job in a particular field

2 Make it personal

Complete the prompts below so as to make them true for you.

1 I think it would take a while for me **to get up to speed** if I had to ... .
2 I'd never consider **going into** ... as a career choice.
3 ... is definitely not **cut out to** ... because he/she can't ... .
4 It wouldn't be fair for my parents to expect me **to take on more responsibility** at home if ... .
5 Right now I **'m snowed under with** ... .
6 ... could easily **be in the running for** ... because of his/her ability to ... .
7 ... would never be able **to fill a position** which requires ... because he/she simply can't ... .

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