

## Class Work

## WORK or JOB?

**Work** is something you do to earn money. This noun is uncountable.

*She enjoys her work in the hospital.*

**Job** is used to talk about the particular type of work activity which you do.

*He's looking for a job in computer programming.*

## POSSIBILITY, OCCASION or OPPORTUNITY?

A **possibility** is a chance that something may happen or be true.

'Possibility' cannot be followed by an infinitive.

*Is there a possibility of getting a job in your organisation?*

An **occasion** is an event, or a time when something happens.

'Occasion' does not mean 'chance' or 'opportunity'.

*Birthdays are always special occasions.*

An **opportunity** is a possibility of doing something, or a situation which gives you the possibility of doing something.

*The trip to Paris gave me an opportunity to speak French.*

*I have more opportunity to travel than my parents did.*

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## 1 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 It was hard physical (**job** / **work**), you know, lifting people, helping them into wheelchairs and pushing them.
- 2 I got my first (**job** / **work**) as an assistant receptionist in a hotel when I was just 18.
- 3 It wasn't a very well-paid (**job** / **work**), but then first (**jobs** / **works**) often aren't.
- 4 I thought it was a great (**opportunity** / **occasion** / **possibility**) to get some work experience.
- 5 And on some (**opportunities** / **possibilities** / **occasions**) I was left on my own as the person in charge of the whole of this enormous hotel.



**career** [kæ'riə]

Your **career** is the work you do over a number of years:

*His acting career began when he was just 6 years old and is still going well.*

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**employer** [ɪm'plɔɪə]

is a person or a company that employs other people.

**employee** [ɪmplɔɪ'ee]

is a person who works for somebody.

**2** Brush up your vocabulary. Choose the best word to complete each sentence. Use a dictionary to help you.

- 1 I plan to have a long (**career** / **occupation**) in advertising, but I know I will have to work hard to succeed.
- 2 The annual (**salary** / **money**) for this job is £35,000 a year.
- 3 I've got a holiday job, delivering newspapers. The (**salary** / **pay**) is quite good. It's £5.00 an hour.
- 4 When did your (**occupation** / **employment**) with this company begin?
- 5 So, would you like to arrange a loan with our bank, Mr Johnson? Do you mind if I ask you a few questions first? What is your (**occupation** / **employment**)?

Homework: make up your own sentences with new words ( 8 )