



Job swap

People who work sitting down get paid more than people who work standing up.
Ogden Nash, American poet

1 VOCABULARY work

- a Write the titles in the correct section of the job advertisement.

Salary Responsibilities ~~Position~~ Training
Qualifications Working Hours Opportunities

A Position :

Assistant Accounts Manager

B _____ : 1 In charge of the accounts for the department.

C _____ : This is a 2 _____ job of 40 hours per week. The 3 _____ are from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. but there will also be some 4 _____ on evenings and weekends.

D _____ : Degree in accounting. Member of a professional association.

E _____ : Trainees will get 5 _____ in both accounting and financial management. Additional study is possible on a 6 _____ basis of three hours a week.

F _____: Accountants can be permanent employees with the company or self-employed. As this is a large ⁷ _____ company, there are opportunities to work overseas. You might get ⁸ _____ to Department Accounts Manager after one or two years in the company.

G _____: This varies depending on experience and education, but a qualified accountant with 1 or 2 years experience would ⁹ _____ between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

If you would like to ¹⁰ _____ this position, please ¹¹ _____ a full ¹² _____ and a cover letter to the address below.

- b** Complete the job advertisement with words from the list.

multinational experience résumé in-charge-of
part-time hours promoted earn overtime
send in full-time apply for

- c** Complete the job interview.



Interviewer Are you ¹ unemployed at the moment, in a job, or studying?

Applicant I'm ² i _____ my final year ³ o _____ college, but I also work part-time for a small company.

Interviewer What kind of ⁴ c _____ do you have with this company?

Applicant It's just a ⁵ t _____ one, for six months, but I can ⁶ q _____ when I want, as long as I give one week's notice.

Interviewer And what kind of work do you do for this company?

Applicant I'm ⁷ r _____ for all its accounting, including expenses and salaries.

Interviewer And do you have any questions for us?

Applicant Yes. I'd like to know if you have a company pension plan and, if so, at what age your employees normally ⁸ r _____. I'm also interested in any company health plan you might have ...

2 READING

- a Read the text and check (✓) the advice the writer would give this person.

“ I’ve worked in sales and marketing for the past 20 years but I’m not happy with my job. How can I change my career? ”

- 1 Look for a different job in the same field.
- 2 Think about what you like doing and decide what kind of career you would like.
- 3 Talk to your boss about a different job in the same company.

After working for 20 years, many people don’t like to go to work in the morning. They want to be truly excited about their jobs. But it’s difficult to change jobs, and changing your career is even harder, so take time to do it right.

You'll need to look at your **skills** and personal interests. Connecting work to personal interests is the best way to find a **satisfying** career. What do you really enjoy doing in your spare time? Is it sailing, gardening? Why do you find these activities enjoyable? Do you like gardening because you can be creative? Is sailing fun because you like visiting new places? It isn't always a good idea to

make your hobbies your career because then you'll need to find a new hobby, but knowing why you like your hobbies is very important to knowing which career you might enjoy.

When you know the abilities you enjoy using and have decided which **field** you'd like to work in, it's time to get practical.

Find out all about it. Who are the **key** companies? After finding **potential** employers, you can start thinking about possible jobs.

However, it's very hard to find full-time employment in a completely different line of work. You might need to go to evening classes to meet the qualifications for the job. But employers prefer candidates to have a solid **background** in the field.

You might have to start by working part-time or even for free to gain experience.

Changing careers isn't easy. People often prefer to stay in a job they know rather than risk jumping out of the frying pan and into the fire. But I think life's too short to spend **a single** minute doing something you don't love doing.

b Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

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| 1 A lot of people are still excited about their jobs after 20 years. | <u>F</u> |
| 2 Changing your career is harder than changing your job. | — |
| 3 You should ask yourself why you enjoy your hobbies. | — |
| 4 Your hobby will always be your perfect job. | — |
| 5 You should look at the field you'd like to work in, then the companies, then the job. | — |
| 6 For employers, education is more important than experience. | — |
| 7 People are often afraid of changing their career because they don't know what will happen. | — |
| 8 The expert suggests changing your job if you don't love doing it. | — |

4 GRAMMAR gerunds and infinitives

a Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 I don't mind | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 5 He's afraid of | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 He forgot | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 It's difficult | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 She would love | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 Why don't you try | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 I can't afford | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 Being self-employed | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- a applying to smaller companies?
- b can be hard work.
- c to tell the company he was getting married.
- d getting fired.
- e to get a good job as soon as you graduate.
- f traveling a lot for my work.
- g to have more responsibility.
- h to accept a lower salary.

b Circle the correct answer.

- 1 I really enjoy learning / to learn new skills.
- 2 She regrets **not going** / **not to go** to college.
- 3 We find it easy **training** / **to train** new employees.
- 4 I can't remember **sending in** / **to send in** the application form.
- 5 He's going to practice **being** / **to be** interviewed.
- 6 Did the company promise **giving** / **to give** you a permanent contract?
- 7 She's not very good at **typing** / **to type**.
- 8 Don't forget **including** / **to include** a cover letter.

c Correct any mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases.
Check (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 She would like **getting** a job abroad,
preferably in the US. to get
- 2 I've decided **to quit** my job. _____
- 3 Don't accept anything. You must
go on **looking** for your ideal job. _____
- 4 We spent two months **to interview**
all the candidates. _____
- 5 They must increase the salary
to attract the right applicants. _____
- 6 He gave up **to study** at the university
after he got the job. _____
- 7 It's impossible for me **moving** to the
new office. _____
- 8 **To work** at the computer gave her
back problems. _____

More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
contestant <i>noun</i>	/kən'testənt/	
industry <i>noun</i>	/'ɪndəstri/	
judge <i>noun</i>	/dʒʌdʒ/	
marketing <i>noun</i>	/'mɑ:kətiŋ/	
sale <i>noun</i>	/seɪl/	
TV series <i>noun</i>	/ti'vi 'sɪrɪz/	
pretend <i>verb</i>	/prɪ'tend/	
regret (doing) <i>verb</i>	/rɪ'grɛt/	
seem <i>verb</i>	/si:m/	