

Match the words. Then, in pairs make sentences using them.

A

pay
follow
change
take
get
step

B

the initiative
your plans
ahead
your dreams
into sb's shoes
the bills



Idioms and Fixed Phrases

7 In pairs, match the phrases to make complete sentences.

A

- 1 I really *can't afford*
- 2 You shouldn't have *spent* so much
- 3 It really isn't *worth*
- 4 You must have *paid*
- 5 They must have *bought*
- 6 I bet it *cost*
- 7 It really was *a waste*
- 8 We were *overcharged*
- 9 She makes a *living*
- 10 They *made a lot of* money

B

- a of time and money.
- b you an absolute fortune.
- c by selling the pictures that she paints.
- d to go out again this week.
- e using up our savings.
- f when they sold their house.
- g on the holiday.
- h it with the money they inherited.
- i for it on credit.
- j for the taxi fare.

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Fill in: *change, follow, take, step*,
then make sentences about yourself.

- *take* the initiative
- your dreams
- your plans
- into sb's shoes

3 Fill in:

• salary • pay • wages • cash

- 1 The lawyer was paid a huge by the law firm.
- 2 Building workers receive their every Friday.
- 3 Cleaners are often paid in hand for the work they do.
- 4 The at the factory wasn't worth thinking about!

• work • profession • trade • occupation

- 5 People work long hours in the tourist
- 6 Being a racing driver is a dangerous
- 7 The organisation's involves assisting those in need.
- 8 Apparently, he's a doctor by

• crew • staff • personnel • team

- 9 Everyone in the typing pool works well together and there is a good spirit.
- 10 Following an exhausting flight, the headed for the hotel to rest for a couple of hours.
- 11 On our holiday in Spain the hotel couldn't have been more helpful.
- 12 All companies have a department which deals with issues concerning staff.

• employer • worker • trainee • employee

- 13 As a(n), the company has the best name in the market.
- 14 A(n) at the factory was rushed to hospital following the accident.
- 15 The company had financial problems, but only one was made redundant.
- 16 The had to undergo three months of work experience before he was taken on permanently.

Underline the correct item.

- 1 As a freelance writer Peter sometimes finds it hard to find **regular/usual/ordinary/typical** work.
- 2 Following a long period of unemployment and casual work she eventually found a **permanent/fixed/lasting/constant** position.
- 3 He found it difficult to make enough money to **provide/support/assist/look** for his family.
- 4 Arthur's father worked as a **touring/travelling/moving/journeying** salesman for 25 years.
- 5 The unemployment situation helped me **set/establish/form/create** the opinion that I needed to retrain if I ever hoped to find a good job.

a. The items in bold are in the wrong sentences.
Rearrange them so that each sentence is correct.

- 1 I simply can't **make** to pay university tuition fees.
- 2 I shouldn't **cost** so much on clothes.
- 3 It really isn't **waste** selling your house.
- 4 It's a great car but it must **spend** a fortune to run!
- 5 That trip was an absolute **worth** of time and money.
- 6 I **afford** a living by selling second-hand furniture.

Fill in the missing word.

- 1 He had to apologise forgetting to inform staff about the meeting.
- 2 My dream is to work an artist on a faraway island.
- 3 They can't afford be without two salaries right now.
- 4 Have you thought about changing jobs?
- 5 She insisted that we to complete the project by the end of the month.
- 6 His new haircut was so funny that Sally couldn't smiling.
- 7 David suggested I talk to the supervisor about the problem.
- 8 Louisa's always been very at languages; she picks things up quickly.
- 9 I don't have a credit card. I always pay in
- 10 I'm thinking applying for the position of Head teacher.

14 Circle the correct item.

- 1 There are only two for the job.
A customers C employees
B candidates D employers
- 2 We were for the electrical items we bought in the sale.
A overcharged C overdone
B overpaid D overstated
- 3 I'm afraid I've out of ideas for the new advertising campaign.
A gone B run C cleared D emptied
- 4 What are you going to live after you retire?
A from B on C for D with
- 5 How much money do you get per week?
A pocket B pension C pay D perk
- 6 He was sacked from his job for being
A inconvenient C unreliable
B unsure D irrelevant
- 7 We checked around the market to find the bank with the highest rate of for our savings.
A pay B cash C profit D interest
- 8 I'm thinking of moving to the countryside when I from work at sixty-five.
A resign B retire C leave D depart