

# A CAREER AT HOME

Jodie Sutter is thirty-eight and married with two daughters. Four and a half years ago, she decided to abandon her career to become a full-time mother. It wasn't an easy decision for Jodie to make as she was a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ lawyer and was moving up the career ladder. However, her job was very demanding, and so was her husband's.

When she had her first child, she realised that she could not go on working and taking (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of her daughter at the same time. Her husband suggested getting a nanny, but she insisted on (3) \_\_\_\_\_ her career.

Now, Jodie gives her full attention to raising her family, which is a full-time (4) \_\_\_\_\_. She had always wondered if she would be able to cope as a full-time mother, however, since she left her job, she hasn't looked (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and is enjoying every minute of motherhood.



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| 1. A. stressful    | B. satisfying | C. successful  | D. resourceful    |
| 2. A. attention    | B. care       | C. worry       | D. responsibility |
| 3. A. applying for | B. handing in | C. taking over | D. giving up      |
| 4. A. job          | B. work       | C. occupation  | D. employment     |
| 5. A. down         | B. back       | C. over        | D. up             |

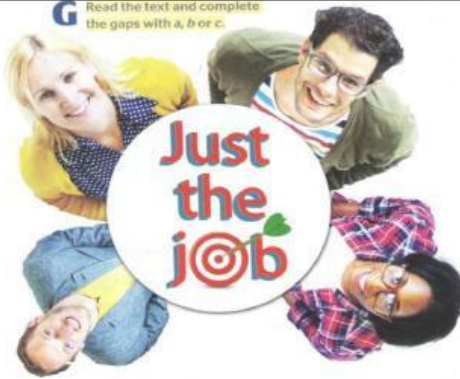
## A new beginning?



When Jeremy Larns got a call from the Human Resources department telling him they would (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to let him go, he was disappointed. He had heard that they were making some radical changes, but he had never imagined that they (7) \_\_\_\_\_ lay him off. To feel better, he decided to take a trip somewhere he'd always wanted to go, Hawaii. There he (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to relax and think more clearly. He decided that it was a good opportunity to find a job he really liked and that to find it, he (9) \_\_\_\_\_ think outside the box. When one day he heard about a writing competition, he felt that maybe he found what he had been looking for. 'Who knows? I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ be a famous writer one day', he said to himself, and he decided to take part in the competition.

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| 6. A. rather | B. must  | C. should     | D. have         |
| 7. A. need   | B. would | C. had better | D. ought        |
| 8. A. would  | B. could | C. was able   | D. would rather |
| 9. A. should | B. ought | C. needed     | D. had          |
| 10. A. would | B. must  | C. could      | D. ought        |

**G** Read the text and complete the gaps with a, b or c.



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| 1. a. work              | b. job        | c. career       |
| 2. a. ends              | b. end        | c. endings      |
| 3. a. beside            | b. outside    | c. inside       |
| 4. a. job               | b. peak       | c. work         |
| 5. a. position          | b. place      | c. reference    |
| 6. a. benefit           | b. workload   | c. salary       |
| 7. a. support           | b. carry      | c. contain      |
| 8. a. employers         | b. candidates | c. freelancers  |
| 9. a. skills            | b. overtime   | c. experience   |
| 10. a. promoted         | b. qualified  | c. devoted      |
| 11. a. responsibilities | b. terms      | c. perks        |
| 12. a. employees        | b. rivals     | c. subordinates |

As graduation approaches, students will be giving more and more thought to their choice of career. However, the (1) \_\_\_\_ market has become increasingly competitive over the past few years. In order to do more than just make (2) \_\_\_\_ meet, school and university leavers are being urged to think (3) \_\_\_\_ the box before setting off along their career path.

Graduates who find themselves out of (4) \_\_\_\_ might want to consider applying for the (5) \_\_\_\_ of pet food taster. The job offers a (6) \_\_\_\_ which is high enough not only to feed yourself, but also to (7) \_\_\_\_ a family in later years. Successful (8) \_\_\_\_ for the job should possess both a good sense of adventure and taste. Work (9) \_\_\_\_ is not a requirement, but candidates who are (10) \_\_\_\_ in the field of food nutrition are preferred.

One of the (11) \_\_\_\_ of the job is an unlimited supply of pet food for all (12) \_\_\_\_! This should be especially appealing to those who own a pet or who actually acquire a taste for the food.