

Work

VOCABULARY BANK

1 ADJECTIVES

Committed
Helpful
Experienced
Adaptable
Passionate

FRAN



"So when it comes to selecting STAFF these are the qualities I'm looking for."

a Match sentences 1–8 to A–H.

- 1 C My job as a divorce lawyer is very **challenging** /'tʃælmdʒɪŋ/.
- 2 D Working as a checkout assistant can be a bit **monotonous** /mə'nətənəs/ and **repetitive** /rɪ'petətɪv/.
- 3 E I'm a primary school teacher. I find working with children very **rewarding** /rɪ'wɔ:dɪŋ/ (**fulfilling** /fʊlfɪlɪŋ/).
- 4 F I work in a small design company and my job's really **motivating** /'mə:tɪvɪ:tɪŋ/.
- 5 G Being a surgeon is very **demanding** /dɪ'ma:ndɪŋ/.
- 6 H I always wanted an exciting job, but sadly, mine is incredibly **tedious** /'ti:dɪəs/.
- 7 I He's in a **dead-end** /'ded end/ job in the local factory.
- 8 J She's got a very **high-powered** /haɪ 'paʊəd/ job in finance.

- A I have to do exactly the same thing every day.
- B I never mind having to work overtime.
- C It tests my abilities in a way that keeps me interested.
- D It's important and comes with a lot of responsibility.
- E It's really boring and it makes me feel impatient all the time.
- F It makes me happy because it's useful and important.
- G The wages are low and there's no hope of promotion.
- H It's very high pressure and you have to work long hours.

b 1.10 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Think of a job you could describe with each adjective in 1.

2 COLLOCATIONS

a Complete the sentences with a word from A and a word from B.

A academic career (x2)
civil events fast job
work

B experience hunting ladder
manager move qualifications
servants track

- 1 I'm hoping it'll be a good **career move** to go from publishing to advertising.
- 2 I've been unemployed for six months now, so I spend most of my time **hunting** for work.
- 3 My brother works as an **event manager**, organizing conferences.
- 4 I left school at 15, so I had to look for a job that didn't require any **experience**.
- 5 My problem is that all the jobs I want to apply for ask for some **qualifications**, and as I've just finished university, I don't have any.
- 6 I'm a junior doctor, and if I want to move up the **ladder**, I need to work in several different hospitals and departments.
- 7 In Britain, people who work for government departments are called **servants**.
- 8 In some careers, people with very good qualifications are put onto a **fast track** so they get promoted more quickly.

b 1.11 Listen and check.

c Complete the two words which collocate with the groups below. What do the phrases mean?

maternity		freelance
paternity		permanent
sick	I	(opp <u>temporary</u> / <u>fixed-term</u>)
compassionate		<u>full-time</u> (opp <u>part-time</u>)
unpaid		<u>zero-hours</u>

3 THE SAME OR DIFFERENT?

a Look at the **bold** pairs of words or phrases. Write **S** if they have the same or a very similar meaning and **D** if they are different. If the meaning is different, what's the difference? If the meaning is the same, is there a difference in register?

- 1 S I get on very well with my **colleagues** / **co-workers**.
- 2 D I've had enough of my job. I think I'm going to **quit** / **resign**.
- 3 S Three-quarters of the **staff** / **workforce** are women.
- 4 S 400 workers have been **laid off** / **made redundant**.
- 5 D He's been **out of work** / **off work** for nearly six months.
- 6 S She **was sacked** / **was fired** for refusing to work on Sundays.
- 7 S Fantastic news! I'm going to **get promoted** / **get a pay rise**!
- 8 S What **skills** / **qualifications** do you have?
- 9 D We're too busy – we need to **hire** / **employ** more staff.
- 10 S The salary's a bit low, but we have some great **perks** / **benefits**.

b 1.12 Listen and check.

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