

# JOBS, WORK, EMPLOYMENT



## VOCAB PRACTICE

**1** Match each English word or phrase with its correct definition. Write the letter next to each number.

1. To afford	a. Job candidate meeting to get hired
2. Appointed	b. Reasonable, just
3. To apply for a position	c. To search for something
4. Available	d. Able to do something well
5. Businessperson	e. Boss or person who gives work
6. Career	f. Enthusiastic, eager
7. Common sense	g. Leave a job voluntarily
8. Duty	h. A person learning a job
9. Employer	i. Has achieved success
10. Employee	j. Not having a job
11. Entrepreneur	k. Income made from business
12. To earn	l. To refuse or reject an offer
13. Fair	m. Hard or difficult
14. Interview	n. Able to pay for something
15. Keen	o. Person who works for a company
16. To look for	p. To ask formally for a job
17. Overtime	q. Personal document showing qualifications
18. Profit	r. To advance someone to a higher position
19. To promote	s. Working extra hours
20. Reliable	t. Trustworthy or dependable
21. Résumé	u. Your professional path
22. To resign	v. Business owner or innovator
23. To retire	w. Not working for someone else
24. Self-employed	x. A task or responsibility
25. Skilled	y. Free to be used or taken
26. Successful	z. Person involved in commerce
27. Tough	
28. Trainee	
29. To turn down	
30. Unemployed	

**2** There are 4 words with no direct synonym here. Can you define them?

**3** To get the sack / To be sacked: To lose your job (to be fired).

Example: After missing too many deadlines, he got the sack. **Synonyms:** to be fired, to be dismissed.

**To climb the career ladder:** To get promoted and improve your position at work.

**Idioms** Example: She started as an intern but quickly climbed the career ladder. **Related vocabulary:** career, promotion, successful.

**To make ends meet:** To earn just enough money to cover basic expenses.

Example: Many part-time workers struggle to make ends meet. **Related vocabulary:** salary, income, to earn, to make a living.

**To go the extra mile:** To do more than what is expected in your job.

Example: Our new employee always goes the extra mile to help customers. **Related vocabulary:** reliable, keen, employee, duty.

