



Pushing the limits



1 Vocabulary Work

Work out the meaning of the expressions in **bold** below. Then match each one of them with an appropriate definition.

- 1 Maria has really impressed her managers and is already **in the running for** a promotion after only six months.
- 2 We currently have four **positions to fill** within the department. It will certainly take a while for the new recruits **to get up to speed** and understand how the company works.
- 3 Charlie has no social life at the moment -- he is completely **snowed under with** assignments for his master's and he **has** recently **taken on more responsibility** at work.
- 4 After Claire graduates, she wants to follow her passion and **go into** politics.
- 5 I just don't think that Marcel is **cut out to be** a doctor -- he wouldn't be able to handle the stress.

- a. to be in the running for something
- b. to fill a position
- c. to get up to speed
- d. to be snowed under with something
- e. to take on more responsibility
- f. to go into something
- g. to be cut out to do something

- () to be willing to carry out more duties than you had to previously
- () to have a strong chance of achieving something
- () to have too many things to do
- () to have the qualities that are needed for a particular job
- () to find someone to do a particular job
- () to learn what you need to do
- () to get a job in a particular field

2 Make it personal

Complete the prompts below so as to make them true for you.

- 1 I think it would take a while for me **to get up to speed** if I had to ...
- 2 I'd never consider **going into** ... as a career choice.
- 3 ... is definitely not **cut out to** ... because he/she can't ...
- 4 It wouldn't be fair for my parents to expect me **to take on more responsibility** at home if ...
- 5 Right now I'm **snowed under with** ...
- 6 ... could easily **be in the running for** ... because of his/her ability to ...
- 7 ... would never be able **to fill a position** which requires ... because he/she simply can't ...