

VOCABULARY ABOUT JOBS

Have you ever had any unpleasant experience in a job interview?

- b Read *Not the best interview I've ever had!* Who got the job? Who didn't get the job?
- c Read the stories again. Match a–d with headings 1–4.
- 1 ☐ Wrong word!
 - 2 ☐ Better to tell the truth
 - 3 ☐ The interviewer probably felt worse than me!
 - 4 ☐ An unlucky call



NOT THE BEST INTERVIEW I'VE EVER HAD

Most people feel nervous when they go for a job interview, but some interviews are worse than others. Fortunately, they don't all end in disaster!

a. 'They wanted to test how fast I could type.

My fingers were over the keyboard, ready to type. The interviewer said, 'Right click to open the file', but all I heard was 'Write click' so I typed 'click' on a window that was already open. I felt so embarrassed when I realized my mistake, but we both laughed and I got the job. I've worked there for eight months now."

Laura

b. 'I've never forgotten to switch my phone off in the cinema. but for some reason I forgot when I went for my first job interview. My friend phoned me to wish me good luck — right in the middle of the interview. Oops! I didn't get the job.'

Andy

c. 'I've had lots of good interviews, but this one was a disaster. I had put on my CV that I could speak 'some French'. I learnt some French at school, but I've never really used it and my listening skills are really bad. The three interviewers began the interview by speaking to me in French, and I didn't understand a word. No, I didn't get the job, and yes, I've changed my CV!'

Dan

d. 'Thad a job interview with two people last week. One of them was leaning back on his chair when suddenly it fell right back, and it was soon clear that he couldn't get up again. I didn't know if I should try to help or not and I was worried I was going to start laughing. Fortunately, the other interviewer asked me to wait outside the room for a minute, and then the interview carried on as if nothing had happened. Guess what? They've just offered me the job!'

Ellie

Look at photos a–f below and match them with sentences 1–6.

- 1 ☐ Hundreds of people **applied for** the job but only six **candidates** were invited for an interview.
- 2 ☐ It's hard to balance family life and a **career**.
- 3 ☐ I'm proud of my practical skills and medical **knowledge**.
- 4 ☐ There are 200 **employees** in this organisation, but I'm only **in charge of** a small team.
- 5 ☐ I've got good **grades** but I haven't got much experience to put on my **CV**.
- 6 ☐ I've got a lot of **business contacts** who work for **employers** in different countries.



Match the words in **bold** in 2a with these meanings.

- 1 the jobs you do during your working life
- 2 people you know who might be able to help your career
- 3 contacted a company asking for a job
- 4 people who work for a company
- 5 the results of your exams at school or university
- 6 the things you know from experience or study
- 7 people who are trying to get a job
- 8 responsible for something or someone
- 9 the people that you work for
- 10 a document which describes your education and the jobs you have done

Check you understand the words and phrases in bold in the sentences below. Then think of one job that each sentence could describe.

1. It's very **competitive**. Lots of people want to get into that **field** and hundreds of people **apply for** each job.
2. It's very **well-paid**. He gets £60,000 a year as well as a **bonus** at the end of the year.
3. It's quite **rewarding**. You really help people and that makes you feel good.
4. It's quite **insecure**. You're either **self-employed** or have a **temporary contract** and it's quite badly paid.
5. It's easy. You don't have any real **responsibility** like managing anyone. You do the job, go home and forget about it.
6. You need to be quite **creative**. You have to think of a lot of new ideas and new ways of doing things.
7. It's very **stressful**. You're **under a lot of time pressure**.
8. Physically, it's very **demanding**. You have to be strong and fit.
9. It's very **varied**. You get to do lots of different things.
10. It's a bit dull. It mainly involves **admin** and **paperwork**. I basically sit at a desk all day.

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