

Topic vocabulary: Work

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civil service (n phr)	efficient (adj)	marketing (n)	recruit (v, n)
client (n)	executive (n)	multinational (n, adj)	redundant (adj)
colleague (n)	fire (v)	promotion (n)	sack (v)
consultant (n)	headhunt (v)	prospects (n pl)	strike (v, n)
effective (adj)	leave (n)	public/private sector (n phr)	union (n)

Phrasal verbs

crop up	appear or happen suddenly or unexpectedly	press ahead/on (with)	continue doing something in a determined way, despite difficulties, opposition or interruptions
dive in	start doing something in a very enthusiastic way	set out	start doing or working on something in order to achieve an aim <i>outset</i> (n)
end up	be in a particular place or state after doing something or because of doing it	snow under	if you are snowed under, you have too much of sth to deal with
kick off (with)	begin (with)	take on	start to employ someone; accept some work or responsibility
knock off	stop working	tide over	help someone to get to the end of a difficult period of time, especially by giving them money until they can get
knuckle down	start working hard, especially when you should have done this earlier	some more	spend time in a relaxed way when you have nothing else to do
lay off	end someone's employment, especially temporarily, because there is not enough work for them; stop doing or using something, especially for a short period of time	while away	end or finish something gradually; gradually reduce work before stopping completely; relax after a <i>period of excitement or work</i>
lie ahead	if something lies ahead, it is going to happen to you in the future	wind down	LIVE WORKSHEETS
make up	work at different times from usual because you have not worked enough at the normal times		

period of excitement or work

Phrasal verbs

F Choose the correct word.

1 I'm so under with work at the moment – it's awful!
A iced B rained C snowed D fogged

2 The company's announced it's off over 1,000 workers.
A leaving B laying C setting D giving

3 They're planning to down their operation in Greece and concentrate on Eastern Europe.
A wind B tie C roll D stretch

4 I'm not sure if I'm doing it right, but I'll try to ahead with it anyway.
A drive B bang C touch D press

5 Something's up, so I'm afraid I won't be able to make it this afternoon.
A shown B pulled C cropped D cut

6 Could you lend me some money to me over to the end of the month?
A hand B tide C get D make

7 I didn't out to be a millionaire – I just wanted to run a successful business.
A set B go C begin D watch

8 Mona's going to leave early this afternoon but she says she'll up the hours tomorrow.
A find B make C catch D bring

G Write a phrasal verb from the box in the correct form in each gap.

• dive in • end up • kick off • knock off • knuckle down • lie ahead • take on • while away

- 1 If the business does well, I'll hopefully be able to a part-time assistant in the spring.
- 2 We having to scrap the whole advertising campaign and start again.
- 3 Let's this session by introducing ourselves, shall we?
- 4 Josh can a whole day playing online computer games with his mates.
- 5 No teenager really knows what for them career-wise in the future.
- 6 That's enough TV! It's time to and get on with your homework now.
- 7 I usually work at about half five so I'm home by six thirty most nights.
- 8 As soon as the food was brought out, everyone and helped themselves.

H Phrasal verbs with away, such as *while away*, are often connected to the idea of an action continuing for a long time. Which of these phrasal verbs with away are also connected to this idea?

- 1 Mary was **beavering away** at her desk when I last popped in to see her.
- 2 Let's **break away** from the main crowd and go over there for a while.
- 3 You can't **explain it away** as a simple mistake. You did it on purpose!
- 4 I think I'll **give** these old clothes **away**. Do you know any charity shops around here?
- 5 My fingers are tired! I've **been hammering away** at this keyboard for hours.
- 6 I'm sorry to tell you that your great-grandfather **passed away** during the night.
- 7 Keep **plodding away** and you'll finish your novel eventually.
- 8 Can we have a break? We've been **slaving away** all morning.
- 9 We can hear Carol **typing away** at her keyboard from the living room.
- 10 Don't disturb your father. He's **working away** on some designs at the moment.