Work - vocabulary



1〉 Read the text and complete the sentences below.

It's a sunny morning in California as you're riding a free bike along the lawn full of people sitting in sun chairs. You've just had a delicious free breakfast trying to keep it light as you're having that workout session at the free gym in about two hours. Having arrived at your destination, you enter the building and head down a spacious corridor with colourful walls, grab a free smoothie and make yourself comfortable in a stuffed chair. Outside the window Android figures seem to be cheerfully waving at you, saying 'welcome to your office'. This unexpected work environment is the result of Google's wish to create 'the happiest, most productive workplace in the world'. And these are just a few of a long list of things their employees enjoy thanks to this philosophy.

1 The author's reason for not eating too much for breakfast is _____.
2 Google's office is so different because they'd like _____ _____.
3 According to the text, Google's employees enjoy free _____ and _____ (name two).

2〉 Match the words below with their Polish equivalents.

1	workplace	☐	**a** tablica ogłoszeń
2	loads of work	☐	**b** rzucić pracę
3	pay rise	☐	**c** mnóstwo pracy
4	social events	☐	**d** podwyżka
5	quit	☐	**e** miejsce pracy
6	department	☐	**f** wydarzenie towarzyskie
7	noticeboard	☐	**g** dział

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3〉 Complete the sentences with the words from exercise 2.

1 For more information about after-school activities, check the _____.
2 Do you remember Mary from the accounts _____?
3 If I get a _____, I will be able to afford a new car.
4 My ideal _____ would be a big office in the city centre.
5 Do you ever take part in _____ with your colleagues such as company parties?
6 If you don't like your job then _____ and find another one.
7 I've got _____ to do, so I'm afraid I will have to stay longer.

4〉 Complete the text with appropriate words.

My older brother, Ben, got a new job a few weeks ago. He is really happy about it. He has got a big [1]_____ with a large desk and modern [2]_____, such as the latest model of a laptop and a 3-D projector. Ben says that the [3]_____ at work is really nice and his [4]_____ are supportive – they always help with any questions and offer advice. He often works quite late, but he has a long lunch [5]_____ at midday, so he doesn't complain. He even gets [6]_____ food – he doesn't have to pay for his lunch in the canteen. There is only one drawback to his new job – the salary.

5〉 Translate the following words:

work	*pay*
job	*salary*
career	*wages*
profession	*fired*
staff	*resigned*
colleagues	*laid off*

6〉 Complete the sentences with appropriate words.

1 *work / job / career / profession*
a Hannah has got a new _____
b Are you looking for _____ in the summer?
c Ben has had a long _____ in politics.
d I'd love to work in the legal _____

2 *staff / colleagues*
a Employer: My _____ are all excellent and work very hard as a team.
b Employee: I get on very well with my _____ We often socialise in the evenings.

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3 *pay / salary / wages*

a I get my _____ every month.

b I get my _____ at the end of the week.

c I'm going to ask for a _____ rise. I think I should earn more!

4 *fired / resigned / laid off*

a Tim was _____ because he had stolen some secret documents.

b Jack was _____ because there wasn't any more work for him to do.

c David _____ because he didn't like the new boss.

7 Complete the table with the correct words.
Write as many forms of each word as you can.

verb	nouns - *rzeczowniki*		adjectives - *przymiotniki*	
	abstract	person	positive	negative
educate	*education*	*educator*	*educated, educational*	*uneducated*
employ				
succeed				
communicate				
help				
create				
lead				
satisfy				
imagine				

8 Complete the sentences with the correct words from the table in exercise 7.

1 Everyone wants to be _____ in their private and professional lives. Nobody wants to fail.

2 I didn't know what to do in that situation. I felt really _____

3 _____ isn't my strong point. I find it hard to come up with original ideas.

4 Good _____ skills are essential for a manager who runs a company.

5 In Poland a lot of young people are _____ , so they decide to emigrate to find work somewhere else.

6 His _____ skills are not the best in the world! It's sometimes really hard to understand what he means.

7 It's sad that so many young people cannot find any _____ these days. Even when they do, they get really badly paid jobs.

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