

# 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	a tablica ogłoszeń
2 loads of work	<input type="checkbox"/>	b rzucić pracę
3 pay rise	<input type="checkbox"/>	c mnóstwo pracy
4 social events	<input type="checkbox"/>	d podwyżka
5 quit	<input type="checkbox"/>	e miejsce pracy
6 department	<input type="checkbox"/>	f wydarzenie towarzyskie
7 noticeboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	g dział

### 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 <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with a large desk and modern <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, such as the latest model of a laptop and a 3-D projector. Ben says that the <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ at work is really nice and his <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ are supportive – they always help with any questions and offer advice. He often works quite late, but he has a long lunch <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ at midday, so he doesn't complain. He even gets <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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 - <i>rzeczowniki</i>		adjectives - <i>przymiotniki</i>	
	abstract	person	positive	negative
<b>educate</b>	<i>education</i>	<i>educator</i>	<i>educated, educational</i>	<i>uneducated</i>
<b>employ</b>				
<b>succeed</b>		X		
<b>communicate</b>				
<b>help</b>				
<b>create</b>			X	
<b>lead</b>			X	
<b>satisfy</b>		X		
<b>imagine</b>		X		

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.