

Work Idioms 2.

Task 1. Fill in the following words in the definitions below:

pipeline *dead-end ropes* *ladder* *steady* *rock*

1. If something is , it doesn't move.
 2. Oil, gas and water come to us along a
 3. If you are in a small boat and you make it , it might capsize.
 4. A road which goes nowhere is a
 5. On a sailing boat, the sails are controlled by means of
 6. If something is too high and out of your reach, use a

Task 2: A dead-end job. Use the following expressions in the sentences below:

- a. a steady job
 - b. in the pipeline
 - c. a dead-end job
 - d. the top of the tree
 - e. a new branch
 - f. a short-list

1. Imagine just putting letters in envelopes all day. What a!

2. It's going to be a busy year for us. We've got two major projects to finish and an even bigger one

3. Marks and Spencers are opening in town next summer.

4. I just had a really good job interview. I'm on of five.

5. Where is there to go once you've reached ?

6. A lot of people are happy with even if it isn't very interesting. The main thing is the security it offers.

Task 3: Climb the career ladder. Complete these idiomatic expressions with the following verbs:

<i>show</i>	<i>hold</i>	<i>take on</i>
<i>make</i>	<i>go</i>	<i>climb</i>
<i>rock</i>	<i>breathe</i>	<i>find</i>
<i>stand</i>	<i>land</i>	<i>stand in</i>

- a. a name for yourself
- b. the career ladder
- c. staff
- d. the boat
- e. someone the ropes
- f. can't the pace
- g. a job down
- h. down someone's neck
- i. your feet
- j. over someone's head
- k. a job
- l. for somebody

Now use eight of the expressions in the correct form in the following situations:

1. Do you think it's worth me doing a part-time MBA? It's a lot of work.

> It depends how much you want to

2. My new job's OK but there are lots of things I'm still not used to.

> That's normal. It always takes a few months before you really

3. I suppose you r busiest time is around Christmas, isn't it?

> Yes, we always extra just for that period .

4. Are you working late again tonight?

> I'm afraid so. Peter's for last month's sales figures.

They've got to be ready for tomorrow morning's meeting.

5. I'm going to have a word with Jack and try to change my holidays.

> Jack's on a course this week and Marie is , so you'd better wait till he gets back. You know what she's like!

6. You know Frank's not going to put your idea on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting, don't you?

> Isn't he? In that case I'll have to and talk to his head of department.

7. I bumped into Paul last week. He's just started a new job selling insurance.

> I wonder how long that'll last. He can't for longer than six months.

8. Where's Andrew working nowadays?

> Haven't you heard? He's just a great With that new American bank in the City

Task 4: Revision. Look back at the idioms in this unit and add the missing words:

1. climb the career

6. make a name for

2. find your in a new job

7. breathing down my

3. landed a great

8. take on extra

4. can't stand the

9. go over his

5. a project in the

10. hold a job