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A professional is one who does his best work when he feels the least like working.
Frank Lloyd Wright, American architect

1B Nice work!

1 LEXIS IN CONTEXT

What I'm really thinking

Look at the Lexis in Context on Student's Book p.8. Then complete the expressions.

1 I wouldn't worry about the interview – it's not a matter of **l***ife or death*.
2 Turn that music off! It's **doing my h_____ in**.
3 If you paid attention, you might be able to **k_____ up with** the lesson.
4 My father is an intellectual snob. He **l_____ down on** people who haven't been to university.
5 My mind's **gone bl_____**! I can't remember my own phone number!
6 The traffic begins to **b_____ up** at around 7 o'clock on weekdays.
7 It **breaks my h_____** when I see pictures of malnourished children on the TV.
8 I don't mind dealing with the public, but it **gets w_____** answering the same questions all day.

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2 VOCABULARY work

a Circle the correct word.

1 My company offers considerable benefits to the *colleagues* / *co-workers* / *staff*.
2 It's so *repetitive* / *challenging* / *rewarding* when you see your students really start to improve.
3 My girlfriend's job is quite *rewarding* / *demanding* / *tedious*, so she gets very stressed.
4 I'm hoping to get *a rise* / *promoted* / *raised* to Head of Department by the end of the year.
5 He wants to *quit* / *employ* / *resign* a new assistant to deal with his mail.
6 Over 2,000 workers will be *fired* / *made redundant* / *sacked* when the car factory closes down.
7 Working on a production line can be *challenging* / *motivating* / *monotonous* because you do the same thing all day every day.
8 My husband is *off work* / *out of work* / *laid off* with a bad back at the moment.
9 I'm really jealous of my sister because she gets so many *skills* / *qualifications* / *perks* in her job.
10 We're looking to *hire* / *fire* / *lay off* somebody with a positive, can-do attitude.

b Match the words in **A** to the words in **B** and complete the sentences below.

A academic apply for career clocking events full job permanent ~~work~~

B contract ~~experience~~ hunting ladder management off a position qualifications time

1 The company is offering *work experience* to students in their final year of school.
2 Looking after small children is a _____-_____ occupation.

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3 I've spent six months _____-_____, but I'm still out of work.
4 She never went to university so she doesn't have many _____ _____.
5 He's very ambitious, so he's hoping to climb the _____ _____ as quickly as possible.
6 If you're good at organizing parties, you could work in _____ _____.
7 I'm hoping they'll give me a _____ _____ when I finish my three-month trial period.
8 She cleared her desk and locked the drawers before _____ _____.
9 I'm going to _____ _____ _____ _____ as a sales assistant at the new shopping centre, which is opening soon.

3 GRAMMAR discourse markers (1): linkers

a ~~Cross out~~ the linker that is NOT possible in the sentences.

1 We set off at dawn ~~*owing to*~~ / *in order to* / *so as to* avoid the rush-hour traffic.
2 Laila's mother-in-law was a very difficult woman. *However* / *Nevertheless* / *Consequently* Laila couldn't help liking her.
3 *In spite of* / *Even though* / *Despite* being the better player, Richard lost the match.
4 Sales figures have fallen drastically *due to* / *because* / *owing to* the recession.
5 The workers covered the furniture with sheets *so as not to* / *not to* / *in order not to* splash it with paint.
6 After his accident, my brother sold his car *as* / *since* / *due to* he couldn't afford the insurance.
7 We accept full responsibility for the error and *nevertheless* / *consequently* / *therefore* wish to offer you a full refund.
8 I agreed to help *although* / *in case* / *even though* I didn't feel like it.

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b Rewrite the sentences using the word(s) in brackets.

1 We have not received payment for your last bill. Consequently, you are being sent a reminder. (since)
You are being sent a reminder *since we have not received payment for your last bill*.

2 She wrote down the appointment so that she wouldn't forget the time. (so as)
She wrote down the appointment _____
_____.

3 The motorway is being resurfaced and so it will be closed until further notice. (result)
The motorway is being resurfaced, and _____
_____.

4 The flight is delayed because the incoming plane arrived late. (due)
The flight is delayed _____
_____.

5 He decided to apply for the job although he didn't meet all the requirements. (despite)
He decided to apply for the job _____
_____.

6 They had an early night in order to be ready for the exam the next day. (so that)
They had an early night _____
_____.

7 She was offered a job even though she wasn't able to go to the interview. (spite)
She was offered the job _____
_____.

8 He was unable to attend the conference because he was ill. (owing)
He was unable to attend the conference _____
_____.

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4 LEXIS IN CONTEXT Skyscanner

Look at the Lexis in Context on Student's Book p.11. Then complete the sentences.

1 When you live near an airport, the noise of the planes eventually becomes the **n***orm*___ .
2 Her sickness was just a **pl**_____ so she could stay at home.
3 Please don't let the fact that I got the promotion over you become an **i**_____ between us.
4 He wanted a job that was **tr**_____-**f**_____ , so he became a flight attendant.
5 I can handle a fairly heavy **w**_____ . I'm used to doing lots of things at once.
6 How do we **t**_____ the problem of unemployment?

6 READING

a Read the article once. How would the writer answer the question in the title?



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Who wouldn't jump at the chance of 'working' for six months as the caretaker of an idyllic holiday island off the coast of Queensland, Australia? For Ben Southall, winner of the 'Best Job in the World' contest, the prospect seemed like a dream come true. The 34-year-old former charity worker, from Petersfield, UK, beat 34,000 other competitors for the job, which also came with a £2.5 million beachside mansion boasting magnificent ocean views. [1] _____

Alas, at the end of his posting, Mr Southall admitted that being a tourist ambassador for paradise was not all plain sailing. In fact, there was very little time for sailing at all – or sunbathing, or simply relaxing and enjoying those fine ocean views.

[2] _____ 'It has been very busy, busier than most people would have imagined, and certainly busier than I had imagined,' Mr Southall told the press, adding that he had been 'too busy' to sit back and reflect on it all very much. [3] _____

True, somewhere along the line he did also learn to sail, play golf, and kayak. But even those activities were limited by the need to keep a running web commentary about what he was up to. He posted more than 75,000 words in 60 separate blogs – the equivalent of a small novel – uploaded more than 2,000 photos, and 'tweeted more than 730 times,' according to Peter Lawlor, Queensland's Tourism Minister.

[4] _____ Readers of the website complained that the jam-packed itineraries organized by Tourism Queensland left Mr Southall no time to explore the reef privately and deliver detailed accounts of his experiences. They also said that the blogs were too sanitized and promotional, without any critical or personal angle.

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5 _____ Nevertheless, in what is perhaps the ultimate proof of his new skills as a PR man, he still insists he enjoyed himself thoroughly. And his demanding taskmasters at Tourism Queensland are also pleased, so much so that they have offered him a new 18-month, six-figure contract to promote their state worldwide.

In his spare time, if he gets any, he will also start on a book about his experiences over the last six months. Whether it will prove a best-selling beachside read is another matter.

b Five sentences and paragraphs have been removed from the article. Read it again and match A–F to the gaps 1–5. There is one sentence or paragraph you do not need to use.

A Indeed, in the view of his online audience, he spent so much time blogging about having a good time that he didn't really have much of a time at all.

B Instead, he found himself working seven days a week, slave to a gruelling schedule of promotional events, press conferences, and administration.

C Soon after he started, Ben had a brush with death after being stung by a jellyfish. The incident did not deter him, however, and he got on with his job.

D Either way, Mr Southall admits that he is now tired out – and in need of a holiday. 'It was a job that needed 18 to 19 hours' work every day,' he said. 'Not just the interviews and the social side of it, but also blogging and uploading pictures – it's very time consuming.'

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E Other perks in the contest included a £74,000 salary, a private pool, and a courtesy golf buggy.

F A snapshot of just how demanding the Best Job in the World could be is provided by Tourism Queensland's official report on Mr Southall's posting. It announced that he had visited 90 'exotic locations', made 47 video diaries, and given more than 250 media interviews.

c Look at the highlighted idioms and match them to the definitions.

1 very full _____
2 at some point during an activity _____
3 simple and free from trouble _____
4 was doing _____
5 is very different _____
6 accept an opportunity with enthusiasm _____

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7 LISTENING

a iChecker Listen to a man talking about a kind of job he would love to do and one he would hate. What are the jobs?

b Listen again. Answer the questions.

1 Why does the man think he would be good at the first job?
2 What does he think might be the downside?
3 Why does he think he would hate the second job?
4 Has he done this kind of work? If so, did he like it?

c Listen again with the audio script on p.69 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.

1 ADJECTIVES

a Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the list.

bright /braɪt/ conscientious /ˌkɒnʃiˈenʃəs/
determined /dɪˈtɜːmɪnd/ gentle /ˈdʒentl/
resourceful /rɪˈsɔːsfl/ sarcastic /sɑːˈkæstɪk/
self-sufficient /ˌself-səˈfɪʃnt/
spontaneous /spɒnˈteɪniəs/ steady /ˈstedi/
straightforward /ˌstreɪtˈfɔːwəd/
sympathetic /ˌsɪmpəˈθetɪk/ thorough /ˈθʌrə/

1 He is very *thorough*. Whatever part of a job he's doing, he does it with great attention to detail.
2 He's quite _____. He can usually work out how to solve a problem.
3 He's very _____. He never needs anyone else's help.

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