

The Job Market: Then and Now

The job market is changing in many ways. With modern technology and transportation, the world is changing fast. The job market is changing, too. How people get a job today is different to how their grandparents did. To get a job in today's changing world, it's useful to know how the job market is different from the past.

Today, we use the internet to apply for a job. People from all over the world can see a job online and apply for it. This means more people are applying for the same job. People apply from the same city, different cities, or maybe different countries because it's easy to move from one place to another nowadays. With so much competition, you have to be very good to get the job.

Nowadays, many people get a job through social media. If you are looking for a job, you should talk to people from school or college. Maybe they know someone who can give you tips or even a job!

Thirty years ago, people often got good jobs because they went to university. But now, lots of people go to university. Employers are looking for people with other skills. You should work well with other people. Show you can talk and listen to others. And know why you want the job.

The job market is always changing. You need to learn how to do well in today's world.



B Read the text. Circle **T** for *True*, **F** for *False*, or **NI** for *No Information*.

1. **▼** People get jobs in the same way their grandparents did.
2. **▼** People from different countries often apply for the same job.
3. **▼** Many people get jobs in social media today.
4. **▼** Some people get their job because a school friend helps them.
5. **▼** A university degree always gets you a job in today's job market.
6. **▼** If you want the job, you have to be professional in an interview.

C Read the text again. Circle the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.

1. Fifty years ago, people **▼** the internet to apply for a job.
2. People **▼** apply for a job in another country.
3. Social media **▼** help you get a job.
4. In the past, people got good jobs because they went to **▼**.
5. Today, **▼** people go to university.
6. Can you **▼** well with others? Employers often ask this question.

D Match the adjectives from the box to the sentences. You can use two adjectives more than once.

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1. Move to another country. This is _____.
2. Use social media if you want a job. This is _____.
3. Know why you want the job. This is _____.
4. Get a job with a college degree, but no other skills. This is _____.
5. Use the internet to apply for a job. This is _____.
6. Show you can listen to others. This is _____.