

Work → **or** A J \_\_\_ / E \_\_\_ or L \_\_\_ / P \_\_\_

## 1 Read the prompts and fill in the gaps with a suitable word related to work

Brian James left University and decided to  a job which he saw advertised in the paper. He  the application forms and, a few weeks later, was asked to . He was offered the job that same day.

As he lived in a small town outside the city, he had to  every day. He was good at his job and very soon was . However, the company he worked for was having problems. Two people were  for stealing and two of their friends  in sympathy (☞ sympathy, def b), the directors decided to  five more because the company couldn't afford (☞ afford) to keep them, and the managing director decided to  early. The atmosphere was so bad that Brian eventually decided to .

## 2 Use the words in the box to fill in the gaps in the text below

commission prospects candidates references manager salary promotion applicants increment vacancy  
employee perks qualifications shortlist pension salesman

A computer company had a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for position of (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and decided to advertise for a new (3) \_\_\_\_\_. A lot of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with good (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ applied for the job, and after all the interviews had finished, the directors made a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the best (8) \_\_\_\_\_, then invited them to come back for another interview. The person who eventually got the job was very happy. After all, he would receive an annual (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of £25,000, with a 5% (10) \_\_\_\_\_ twice a year, a 15% (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for each computer he managed to sell, excellent (12) \_\_\_\_\_ such as private health insurance and a company car, a company (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to make sure he would be well-off (☞ well-off) when he retired, and the chance of (14) \_\_\_\_\_ from salesman to sales (15) \_\_\_\_\_ if he was successful. All in all, his future (16) \_\_\_\_\_ looked very good.

## 3 Saying what you do

Complete the Prepositions column.

- 1 I work  a multinational company.
- 2 I work  a manager.
- 3 I'm  charge  the marketing department.
- 4 I work  a factory.
- 5 I'm responsible  customer loans.
- 6 I'm  school / university.
- 7 I'm  my third year.

## 4 Adjectives describing a job

- A Everything takes a long time and it's boring.
- B I have to do exactly the same thing every day.
- C It makes me happy because I think it's useful and important.
- D It tests my abilities and keeps me motivated.
- E It's very high pressure, requires a lot of skill and you have to work long hours.
- F The kind of work I do and the people I work with make me want to work harder / do better.

## 5 People

Write two more jobs in each column.

-er	-or	-ist
lawyer /'ləjə/	actor	psychologist
plumber	conductor	scientist
-ian	others	
electrician	accountant	
librarian	chef /ʃef/	

## 6 People (P), object (O) or tool (T)

typewriter interviewer porter border hanger  
customer saucer lawnmower screwdriver cashier  
ladder lawyer hammer cooker bouncer grocer  
flyover rubber plumber slipper container  
counter butcher folder composer powder  
photographer shower



## 7 Collocations

1 I'm a manager. I'm in **charge** of the sales department. I have to **deal** with some very difficult clients. I'm also **responsible** for publicity. I'm **on** work at the moment. I'm **on** maternity leave.

2 I'm part of a **team**. I always work with other people. I **have** the **opportunity** to travel, which is something I appreciate. I **have** good **praise** in this job. I think I can go far. I'm hoping to **get** **promoted** to **head** of department next year.

4 I **was** **satisfied** / **fired** from my last job. My boss didn't like the way I worked. Now I'm **starting** my own business and I'm much happier. I only **work** **part-time**, from 10.00 to 2.00, and in the afternoon I'm doing an Open University course.

3 I'm hoping to **get** a **raise**. I think my salary is very low. It's a **temp** **job** - I'm only **on** a **short-term** **contract**, so I **have** no job **security**.

5 I **was** **made** **redundant**. There were too many workers and the company was losing money. I've **been** **on** **unemployment** for three months now, but I hope to find a job soon. I've **been** **doing** some **voluntary** **work** at the local community centre. It's **unpaid**, but at least I'm **getting** some more work **experience**.

## 8 Occupations

A) Complete the table with the words from the box

Arranges makes works controls collects treats  
sells delivers make deals sells

1. A traffic Warden	_____	parking and parking meters
2. A dustman	_____	rubbish from peoples houses
3. A window dresser	_____	shop window displays
4. A estate agent	_____	people buy and sell houses
5. A secretary	_____	with office correspondence and records
6. An undertaker	_____	arrangements for funerals
7. A bricklayer	_____	brick buildings and walls
8. A civil servant	_____	in a government ministry
9. A vet	_____	sick animals
10. A newsagent	_____	newspapers and magazines from a shop
11. A midwife	_____	babies

B) Now, What's the job?

1. Loads and unloads ships in a port \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sells valuable objects at an auction \_\_\_\_\_
3. Test people's eyes and sells glasses \_\_\_\_\_
4. Represents his country at an embassy \_\_\_\_\_
5. Prepares books for publication \_\_\_\_\_
6. treats people's feet \_\_\_\_\_
7. manages a museum \_\_\_\_\_
8. designs the inside of houses \_\_\_\_\_
9. coal from under the ground \_\_\_\_\_
10. buys and sells shares \_\_\_\_\_
11. drives someone's car for them \_\_\_\_\_

9 Complete the text with a word formed from the word in CAPITALS in each gap.

This year, (1) **productivity** in the factory has suffered because of a lack of expert technical knowledge. As a result we have made very substantial (2) **investment** in sending employees on training courses. The fact remains that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get skilled labourers with the right (3) **qualifications**, experience, and above all, (4) **expertise**. The company has also suffered this year from the industrial (5) **action** in November, which saw 340 union members walk out in a pay dispute. Union (6) **representatives** eventually sat down with management and negotiated a four per cent pay rise, but five working days were lost. We also now recognize the need to (7) **economize** in some areas, and our management (8) **consulted** Prior and Young, have identified the need for at least three departments to be (9) **streamlined**. It is thought that this will mean the loss of between six and ten jobs, though the exact figures will be (10) **clear** in the next report.

PRODUCT

INVEST

QUALIFY

EXPERT

ACT

REPRESENT

ECONOMY

CONSULT

STREAM

CLEAR

10 Match the names of jobs in A, with the tools/ equipment used in B. More than one answer may be possible.

A  
mechanic  
doctor  
teacher  
painter  
dustman  
farmer  
waiter  
dentist  
hairdresser  
postman  
musician  
soldier  
fisherman  
gardener  
electrician  
tailor  
carpenter  
fireman  
miner  
cleaner  
accountant  
cook  
police officer  
secretary

B  
tray  
brush  
rifle  
spanner  
net  
spade  
instrument  
thermometer  
whistle  
dustbin  
broom  
tape measure  
scissors  
typewriter  
bicycle  
calculator  
drill  
spoon  
blackboard  
tractor  
screwdriver  
saw  
hosepipe  
lamp

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Use the words  
on the right to  
fill in the gaps

working, sick, promotion, description, letter, conditions,  
pension, covering, trial, scheme, path, pay, prospects,  
career, job, claims, travel expenses, form, period

Dear David,

You'll never guess what's happened - I've only got a job! I saw an advert in the press for an administrative assistant at London Insurance, and sent in my CV and a (1) covering letter, more out of curiosity than anything else. Well, to my surprise, I got an interview, and I managed to convince them that insurance is the (2) ..... I intend to pursue. Apparently, they were impressed with my ambition, especially when I said I was looking for a job with good (3) ....., and a week later I was offered the job.

They seem to look after you well - for example, I was told to send in a (4) ..... so that they could reimburse my (5) ..... to the interview. It's little things like that which make all the difference. I was also impressed by the (6) ..... at the office when I went for the interview. So I'm actually starting work on Monday! I've received my (7) ..... now, and it all seems very favourable. After a (8) ..... of one month, I'll be on a permanent contract with (9) ..... and paid holiday. There's even a company (10) ..... which I can join.

David, why don't you apply? They take on 20 new graduates each year. It would be right up your street.

Best wishes,  
Fiona

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Same or different?

1. career/post/degree/graduate

2. wages/salary/bonus/perks

3. staff/employer/employee/CEO/headhunter

4. skills/qualifications/training

5. dealer/salesman/client/foreman