

How often do you **stay up** late? Ever stayed up **all night long**? Or maybe taken a ride on an **overnight bus** or **train**? I bet you didn't feel so great the next day, did you? For those of us who **work nights**, and go to bed at **the crack of dawn**, this exhausted feeling is all part of our everyday lives. I start my **night shift** at 11 p.m. and don't get home until 8 in the morning. It's usually quiet—most of the patients sleep comfortably through the night. At least I'm never **on call**—some of the doctors have to be available for 36 hours, trying to **get some sleep** between calls. Now *that's* exhausting!

Match the words and phrases in bold in **2b** to definitions 1–8.

1 not go to bed	<u>stay up</u>
2 ready to work whenever necessary
3 a period at work during the night in a place that stays open 24 hours
4 very early in the morning
5 do your job during the night
6 the whole night
7 a form of transportation that travels during the night
8 catch up on sleep

a Complete the questions with the phrases in bold in **2b**.

- 1 If you've had a late night, do you ever try to later on the next day?
- 2 When was the last time you all night long?
- 3 Do you often get up dawn?
- 4 Have you ever been on an train?
- 5 Do you know anyone who has to be during the night?
- 6 If your boss offered you more money to work a , would you accept?
- 7 Are there any jobs where you typically have to that appeal to you?

b  Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in **4a**. Ask follow-up questions to find out more information.

You can take notes below.