

Match the words. Then, in pairs make sentences using them.

A

pay  
follow  
change  
take  
get  
step

B

the initiative  
your plans  
ahead  
your dreams  
into sb's shoes  
the bills



## Idioms and Fixed Phrases

7 In pairs, match the phrases to make complete sentences.

A

- 1 I really *can't afford*
- 2 You shouldn't have *spent* so much
- 3 It really isn't *worth*
- 4 You must have *paid*
- 5 They must have *bought*
- 6 I bet it *cost*
- 7 It really was a *waste*
- 8 We were *overcharged*
- 9 She makes a *living*
- 10 They *made a lot of*  
*money*

B

- a of time and money.
- b you an absolute fortune.
- c by selling the pictures that she paints.
- d to go out again this week.
- e using up our savings.
- f when they sold their house.
- g on the holiday.
- h it with the money they inherited.
- i for it on credit.
- j for the taxi fare.

## 2

Fill in: *change, follow, take, step,*  
then make sentences about yourself.

- *take* the initiative
- ..... your dreams
- ..... your plans
- ..... into sb's shoes

### 3 Fill in:

- salary • pay • wages • cash

- 1 The lawyer was paid a huge ..... by the law firm.
- 2 Building workers receive their ..... every Friday.
- 3 Cleaners are often paid ..... in hand for the work they do.
- 4 The ..... at the factory wasn't worth thinking about!

- work • profession • trade • occupation

- 5 People work long hours in the tourist .....
- 6 Being a racing driver is a dangerous .....
- 7 The organisation's ..... involves assisting those in need.
- 8 Apparently, he's a doctor by .....

• crew • staff • personnel • team

- 9 Everyone in the typing pool works well together and there is a good ..... spirit.
- 10 Following an exhausting flight, the ..... headed for the hotel to rest for a couple of hours.
- 11 On our holiday in Spain the hotel ..... couldn't have been more helpful.
- 12 All companies have a ..... department which deals with issues concerning staff.

• employer • worker • trainee • employee

- 13 As a(n) ....., the company has the best name in the market.
- 14 A(n) ..... at the factory was rushed to hospital following the accident.
- 15 The company had financial problems, but only one ..... was made redundant.
- 16 The ..... had to undergo three months of work experience before he was taken on permanently.

## Underline the correct item.

- 1 As a freelance writer Peter sometimes finds it hard to find **regular/usual/ordinary/typical** work.
- 2 Following a long period of unemployment and casual work she eventually found a **permanent/fixed/lasting/constant** position.
- 3 He found it difficult to make enough money to **provide/support/assist/look** for his family.
- 4 Arthur's father worked as a **touring/travelling/moving/journeying** salesman for 25 years.
- 5 The unemployment situation helped me **set/establish/form/create** the opinion that I needed to retrain if I ever hoped to find a good job.

a. The items in **bold** are in the wrong sentences.  
Rearrange them so that each sentence is correct.

- 1 I simply can't **make** to pay university tuition fees.
- 2 I shouldn't **cost** so much on clothes.
- 3 It really isn't **waste** selling your house.
- 4 It's a great car but it must **spend** a fortune to run!
- 5 That trip was an absolute **worth** of time and money.
- 6 I **afford** a living by selling second-hand furniture.

Fill in the missing word.

- 1 He had to apologise ..... forgetting to inform staff about the meeting.
- 2 My dream is to work ..... an artist on a faraway island.
- 3 They can't afford ..... be without two salaries right now.
- 4 Have you ..... thought about changing jobs?
- 5 She insisted that we ..... to complete the project by the end of the month.
- 6 His new haircut was so funny that Sally couldn't ..... smiling.
- 7 David suggested ..... I talk to the supervisor about the problem.
- 8 Louisa's always been very ..... at languages; she picks things up quickly.
- 9 I don't have a credit card. I always pay in .....
- 10 I'm thinking ..... applying for the position of Head teacher.

**14** Circle the correct item.

- 1 There are only two ..... for the job.  
A customers C employees  
B candidates D employers
- 2 We were ..... for the electrical items we bought in the sale.  
A overcharged C overdone  
B overpaid D overstated
- 3 I'm afraid I've ..... out of ideas for the new advertising campaign.  
A gone B run C cleared D emptied
- 4 What are you going to live ..... after you retire?  
A from B on C for D with
- 5 How much ..... money do you get per week?  
A pocket B pension C pay D perk
- 6 He was sacked from his job for being ..... .  
A inconvenient C unreliable  
B unsure D irrelevant
- 7 We checked around the market to find the bank with the highest rate of ..... for our savings.  
A pay B cash C profit D interest
- 8 I'm thinking of moving to the countryside when I ..... from work at sixty-five.  
A resign B retire C leave D depart