

2 COLLOCATIONS

- a Complete the text with the words in the list.

career clocking experience for full job management
permanent positions qualifications unpaid

What I'm **really** thinking – **THE INTERN**

I've just started my third internship. At the end of it, I will have been **working** ¹unpaid for a year. It feels as though I'm not in control of my own life, that I'm helpless. ²**Academic** _____ and ³**work** _____ are almost irrelevant when you're competing against people who have years of experience, many of whom are taking a step down the ⁴_____ **ladder**. I'm not choosy – I've spent time in a children's charity, ⁵**events** _____, a press office – but they haven't got me a ⁶_____ **contract**. It's demoralizing. And exhausting – ⁷_____ **-hunting** is a ⁸_____ **-time occupation**. After ⁹_____ **off**, most people can be free for the night. For the intern, it's time to go home and look for work. I have no idea how many ¹⁰_____ I've ¹¹**applied** _____ since graduating, but it's more than 100.