

WORK WORDS



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1 Warm-up

Do you work from nine to five from Monday to Friday, or do you work differently?

2 Job synonyms

Match the job words on the left to their definitions on the right.

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| 1. a career | a. a job or series of jobs someone does in their working life, often in one professional area |
| 2. a profession | b. a job that someone does (formal) |
| 3. an occupation | c. a specific job, e.g. Assistant Manager |
| 4. a position | d. a type of work that needs special training or a particular skill |
| 5. a vocation | e. a type of work which people feel they are suited for and spend a lot of time doing |

3 Types of workers

Match the people to what they do.

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| 1. an agency worker | a. has a contract with a hiring company but does work for other companies |
| 2. an apprentice | b. sells their work or services to different companies |
| 3. a freelancer | c. works for a company for a short, fixed period of time |
| 4. an intern | d. works for a company with no fixed limit on their contract |
| 5. a permanent employee | e. works in a place to get experience of a job, often without being paid |
| 6. a temporary employee | f. works to learn a skill and earn a small amount of money |



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Types of work

Match the types of work to the situations.

1. casual work
 2. flexible work
 3. full-time work
 4. part-time work
 5. self-employment
 6. shift work
 7. working on a zero hours contract
 8. volunteer work
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- a. Aline prefers to work at the supermarket during the night because the pay is better.
 - b. Christine's employer allows her to start work later as she takes a course in the mornings.
 - c. Every day, John starts work at 9am and finishes at 5:30pm.
 - d. Hannah helps out at the beach picking up litter. She doesn't get paid.
 - e. Hugo works for the local restaurant at the weekends when it gets busy.
 - f. Iain has his own delivery company.
 - g. Lena occasionally paints pictures which the local art gallery sells.
 - h. Susie works at the hospital on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Which of these type of work have you done? Which do you think are the best?

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Not working

Match the reasons for not working to the definitions.

1. You are looking after a newborn baby.
 2. You're not going to work because your company won't increase wages.
 3. You reached the age of 65 and stopped work.
 4. The company wants to cut costs so they let you go.
 5. You had an operation a few weeks ago and are now recovering.
 6. You didn't meet the company's sales targets so you lost your job.
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- a. fired/sacked
 - b. made redundant
 - c. on maternity/paternity leave
 - d. on sick leave
 - e. on strike
 - f. retired



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Work phrases

Match the underlined phrases to the definitions below.

1. We should sit down and work through this calmly.
 2. We have a lot to do today. We really need to get down to work.
 3. Frederico has his own way of doing things. You have your work cut out.
 4. You need to work up to that. Start with something easy first.
 5. It takes time to become a manager. You have to work your way up.
 6. We have to work out how to increase sales in Asia.
- a. find a solution to a problem
 - b. get a better position in a company you work for
 - c. have a difficult job to do
 - d. manage a complicated problem step by step
 - e. prepare to do something difficult
 - f. start doing something with a lot of effort

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Discussion: Work trends

Discuss the following work trends in small groups. How important do you think they are?

1. **Workplace well-being:** how workers feel about their work, work environment and work organisation. The aim is to make sure workers feel safe, healthy and satisfied at work.
2. **Retraining and upskilling:** refreshing old skills and learning new ones.
3. **Gig economy workers:** people that work on short term contracts or as freelancers. Their employment rights are rarely the same as those of people that have permanent jobs.