

WORKING LIVES



A Complete the conversation with the adverbs in the box. Use each adverb only once.

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Chris Do you think I'll ever find a job?

Mara Oh, Chris! Are you kidding?

Chris _____, I'm getting discouraged.

Mara Don't worry. Something will come up. You're working hard, _____. I mean, you're sending out résumés every day!

Chris Well, I'm emailing résumés to companies that haven't actually advertised job openings. You know, companies I researched and would like to work for. I just don't know if I'm making any progress.

Mara Yeah, but you never know. _____, I just saw something about this on a career website. It said employers like candidates who've done their homework on the company.

Chris I guess so. I would just love some positive feedback.

Mara Well, _____, it just might take some time.

B Circle the appropriate response to complete each conversation.

- A** Do you ever feel stuck in your job? I mean, do you wish you could do something else?
B Well, not really. In fact, I'm **looking for something right now** / **I really love my career choice**.
- A** Does your company offer subsidized transportation to and from work?
B Yeah, and as a matter of fact, I **need to use it more often** / **they offer discounted transportation!**
- A** How's your job search going? Have you found anything?
B I've had several offers but not the right one yet. In fact, I **rejected an offer today** / **I haven't found a job**.
- A** Is it difficult to find work these days?
B Actually, no. In fact, they say **there are more jobs than ever** / **there's really high unemployment**.

C Complete the conversation. Write the letters a–e.

Alma I'm thinking about changing careers. I don't make enough money teaching economics. _____

Felipe Yeah, but your job is so "you." _____

Alma Yeah, luckily, I do love teaching. _____

Felipe You could ask for a raise. _____

Alma I can't really do that. But I could do some tutoring, I guess. _____

- Seriously, you can't tell me you'd leave teaching just to get a better salary.
- In fact, I think I'll start looking into it.
- But unfortunately, with my salary, I just can't save any money.
- Clearly, I should get a job at a bank or something.
- Oddly enough, sometimes all you have to do is ask.