

Handout 1

DESCRIBING JOBS

A Work in pairs. Put the words in the box in the chart below.

creative	challenging	desk	dream job
freelance	full-time	government	high-paying
main	part-time	permanent	second job
stressful	temporary	tiring	tough

Negative	Neutral	Positive

B Work individually. Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

- Full-time jobs usually require people to work _____.
 - far from their homes
 - in an office
 - more than 30 hours per week
- People with high-paying jobs _____.
 - usually work part-time
 - have good salaries
 - need to have a second job
- People who like to solve problems often enjoy work that is _____.
 - challenging
 - stressful
 - tiring
- Freelance work is usually not _____.
 - creative
 - temporary
 - permanent
- An example of a desk job is _____.
 - a firefighter
 - an office worker
 - a carpenter
- Some people want a government job because it is often _____.
 - stressful
 - tough
 - full-time

C Work in pairs. Practice the conversation below. Then practice the conversation again but change the words in *italics* to different words from the chart in exercise A.

Carla I'm looking a *second* job! (use neutral or positive words)

Carlos What kind of work do you want to do?

Carla I'm hoping for something that is *challenging* and *high-paying*. (use positive words)

Carlos Do you want *freelance* work? (use neutral words)

Carla I think a job that is *permanent* and *high-paying* would be best. (use positive or neutral words)

Carlos Maybe you should be a *nurse*. (use your own idea)

Carla Oh, no! I definitely don't want a job that is so *tiring*! (use a negative word)