

Noun confusion 1 – money and work

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a Those who do manual work often earn less money.
b Those who do manual work often earn less wages.
- 2 a People without computer skills find it difficult to get a job nowadays.
b People without computer knowledge find it difficult to get a job nowadays.
- A **salary** is the total amount that a professional person is paid each year: *The marketing job offers opportunities to travel and an attractive **salary**.*
- A **wage** is the amount of money earned each week/month for casual or manual work: *Tim got a painting job with a **wage** of \$400 per week.*
- We use **money** in a more general sense: *Nowadays people need to earn a lot more **money** to be able to buy a house. (not ~~earn a lot more wages~~)*
- **Job** refers to the type of work you do: *My **job** is to manage the staff.* or a particular task: *At home, my **job** is to do the ironing.*
- **Work** can be a noun or a verb and is used in a general sense: (uncountable noun) *It took a lot of **work** but I finished the project.* (verb) *My dad **works** in a bank.* **Workplace** is the place where you work: *It is better to train in the **workplace** rather than at a college.*
- **Knowledge** refers to facts you have studied over time, and **skills** refer to practical ability. Compare: *His **knowledge** of history is amazing. I have good typing **skills**.*
- We use **employment** and **unemployment** to talk about general work trends: ***Unemployment** figures fell this week. Employee = a worker, employer = a boss.*

2 Correct the mistake below.

Conditions at the factory were so bad that the employers decided to go on strike.



Conditions at the factory

3 Fill in the blanks with a suitable noun from this unit.

- 1 I paid more tax last week because of the extra I earned.
- 2 I know a lot about cars but I don't have the mechanical to fix them.
- 3 I read a book on the life and of Louis Pasteur, the famous scientist.
- 4 Joe's gave him a promotion and a higher
- 5 The problem of is a key issue for this year's election.
- 6 Moving house is such a big that I don't ever want to do it again.
- 7 Many workers can become ill if the conditions in their are not good.
- 8 I gave up my part-time as it was affecting my school