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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