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## Vocabulary 1

Complete the sentences with the words below so that they match the meanings in brackets. Then, in pairs, discuss if you agree with them.

bonus

pay cut

pay raise

pension

performance-related pay

salary

severance pay

wages

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important aspect of a job. (*the amount paid to you in return for your work for a particular period, usually a month*)
2. It's better to receive \_\_\_\_\_ every week than every month. (*the amount paid to you based on the number of hours worked multiplied by an hourly rate of pay*)
3. Everyone should receive a \_\_\_\_\_ of the same amount they were earning when they retired. (*the amount paid to you after you retire*)
4. It's always better to ask for a \_\_\_\_\_ if you think you deserve one. (*an increase in the amount of pay an employee is given*)
5. It's better to accept a \_\_\_\_\_ than lose your job. (*a reduction in the amount of pay an employee is given*)
6. It's better for a company to have \_\_\_\_\_ rather than fixed salaries. (*money paid to someone based on how well he or she works at the workplace*)
7. Every company should pay a \_\_\_\_\_ to their employees if they make a lot of profit. (*an extra sum given to an employee*)
8. A decent \_\_\_\_\_ should be a right guaranteed by law. (*pay an employee receives when he or she leaves employment at a company*)

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## Listening 1



Listen to five people talking about pay. Complete the sentences with the numbers 1-5.

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- Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ is angry because the company told them about a change too late.
- Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ is earning less than their colleagues for the same job.
- Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ is working a lot more now than when they joined the company.
- Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ can't stop working because they won't earn enough.
- Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ has to choose between earning less or losing their job.



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## Listening 2



Listen again and complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

1. Speaker 1 \_\_\_\_\_ their own job to earn a better salary.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ have left Speaker 2's department since they started there.
3. Speaker 3's company is saying that the pay cut is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Speaker 4 only informed the employees of the changes to the bonus in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Speaker 5's salary is \_\_\_\_\_, so her company wants her to retire.

