2 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*)

3 Listening 1

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

1 2 3 4 5

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

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4 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.



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