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WORKING LIFE

VOCABULARY Describing jobs

1 Complete the job names.

1 Public sector
ci l s e rva n t

2 Construction
pl l e
l o r r
e l tr c l e

3 IT, technical
p l r m l
en i l er

4 Legal, finance
l w l
ac l t l

5 Art, design,
new media
gr l l ic
d l l n r

6 Healthcare
s r l n n

7 Property
e t l e g e
s c r t g r

2 Mark the main stress on the words in exercise A.

civil servant

Learner tip

Remember to record pronunciation in your vocabulary notebook, e.g. main stress, silent letters and phonetics for words with difficult pronunciation.

3 Match the sentence halves.

1 It's not a bad job. I'm involved
2 I feel so fed up. I've applied
3 I've worked late every night this week. I've got
4 People often ask how I got
5 I know all jobs have their
6 It's such a relief to work shorter hours. In my old job I did
7 In the interview they asked if I could work under

a pressure. Of course I said yes.
b for hundreds of jobs but no luck yet.
c an important deadline to meet.
d boring moments, but I expected computing to be more fun than this.
e in inspecting hotels for a travel company.
f something like 50 hours a week.
g into the film industry. I worked my way up from the bottom.

4 Complete the opinions below with the pairs of words in the box. Which of the jobs in exercise A are the people talking about?

insecure / physically demanding	creative / varied
responsibility / paperwork	well paid / competitive
stressful / rewarding	

1 Of course, it's because you have people's lives in your hands, but it's also incredibly when someone's health improves.
2 We work on short contracts so it's quite It's also - I spend the day lifting and carrying heavy weights.
3 It's hard coming up with new ideas all the time, but, after all, people pay me to be I'm self-employed and I have a wide range of clients, so my work is very
4 People think that because we deal with money that we are very You can earn a lot but only really in the top jobs and they are difficult to find. It's a very industry.
5 It's a big when we have to prepare a case for court, but one of the worst things is the Working with each client involves hundreds of documents, letters and emails.

LISTENING

5.1 You are going to hear five people talking about unsuccessful job interviews. Match the speakers (1–5) to the letters (a–e).

Who ...

Speaker 1
Speaker 2
Speaker 3
Speaker 4
Speaker 5

a didn't appear serious enough?
b criticised his / her current boss?
c came across as too big-headed?
d arrived late?
e didn't do enough preparation?



Language note **work** + preposition

work in + place / area of work, e.g. I **work in a factory**. / Kim **works in publishing**.

work for + name of company, e.g. I'd like to **work for Vodafone**.

work as + job, e.g. How long **have you worked as a teacher**?

work on + a project, e.g. **We've been working on a new design**.

work with + person / equipment, e.g. **Did you work with** Leo on the sales figures? / We **have to work with dangerous chemicals**.

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

Doing what?

6 Choose the correct option.

- 1 A: I work in the *sales* / *selling* department.
B: Oh yeah. Doing what?
A: I'm *rep* / *the rep* for the whole of the central region.
- 2 A: I'm in *staff* / *human resources*.
B: Oh really? Doing what?
A: I deal *with* / *for* staff contracts and training.
- 3 A: I work in the *accounts* / *accountant* department.
B: Oh yeah. Doing what?
A: I'm responsible *of* / *for* all the salaries and bonuses.
- 4 A: I'm in *marketing* / *the marketing*.
B: Really? Doing what?
A: I mainly *make* / *do* admin, but sometimes I'm *involve* / *involved* in market research.
- 5 A: I work in the *warehouse* / *warehouse*.
B: Oh yes. Doing what?
A: I *do* / *make* all the orders and check they are ready for delivery.

GRAMMAR Must and can't for commenting

7 Write responses using **must** or **can't** and the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 A: I have such a lot on my plate – recruitment, contracts, training, and all the admin. (stressful)
B: *That must be stressful*.
- 2 A: I work with children with learning difficulties. It's amazing to see how much progress they can make. (rewarding)
B:
- 3 A: I've been promised promotion every year, but then the boss changes his mind. (very motivating)
B:
- 4 A: I don't have a contract and I never get holiday pay. (legal)
B:
- 5 A: Basically, my hobby has become my job. I design computer games. (great fun)
B:
- 6 A: I'm on the road for most of the year. I spend my life in meetings and hotel rooms. (easy)
B:

PRONUNCIATION

Past simple -ed endings

8 Look at these extracts from *Listening*. How many syllables does each past simple form have?

- 1 he invited a group of us to go for a meal 3
- 2 when I looked at my watch, I couldn't believe it was 11:30 4
- 3 My alarm went off at 6:30 but I just ignored it and went back to sleep. 4
- 4 Every time the interviewer asked me something, my mind just went blank. 4
- 5 It sounded really good, so I decided to go for it. 4
- 6 I remembered I'd skipped breakfast. 4
- 7 The head of sales looked a bit surprised but handed them both over. 4
- 8 I answered it because it was one of my co-workers. 4

9 Mark the links in the sentences in exercise A.

- 1 He invited a group of us to go for a meal.

10 5.2 Listen and check your answers.