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Work



1. Circle the correct words in italics:

1. This is my first **work/job** ever, so I'm a bit nervous.
2. We need strong people because there's a lot of physical **work/job** to do.
3. Don't worry: on some **opportunities/occasions/possibilities** I was in charge of the hotel.
4. They like the **possibility/occasion/opportunity** to talk to someone different.
5. It's **funny/fun** to chat to all the different people who failed the exam!
6. I know it isn't a well-paid **work/job**, but I'm working doing what I love.
7. There's always the **occasion/possibility/opportunity** to get a promotion.

2. Circle the correct word in italics in these sentences:

1. One of my **works/jobs** was to protect the president.
2. I'm hoping to study medicine and to find **work/job** at the John Hopkin's Hospital.
3. Carrie's just filled out a form applying for a summer **job/work**.
4. Did you get any **possibility/opportunity** to talk to the boss yesterday?
5. I only wear these shoes on special **opportunities/occasions**.
6. I think there's much **possibility/opportunity** of you being chosen for the job.
7. The trip was **fun/funny**: we should try it again someday!
8. I know she was trying to be **funny/fun**, but none of her jokes made us laugh.

3. Complete the diagram below by grouping these words which form adjectives collocations with **job** and **work** according to meaning. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

worthwhile	well-paid	weekend	tough	tiring
temporary	skilled	responsible	pleasant	permanent
part time	outdoor	office	manual	holiday
hard	full-time	fascinating		

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A _____ job/ _____ work

1. well paid	3. hard	8. outdoor	10. skilled	12. full time	18. fascinating
2.	4.	9.	11.	13.	19.
	5.			14.	20.
	6.			15.	21.
	7.			16.	
				17.	

4. Complete the sentences below by writing a word from the box in the gaps:

work	possibility	occasion (x2)	opportunity
	job	funny	fun

- You have no _____ of getting a more responsible job with your poor qualifications.
- My cousin took us to see a very _____ film which made us laugh a lot.
- Amelia sees the school play as a great _____ to show how well she can act.
- I didn't find Physics class much _____ because people weren't very friendly there.
- My father has lost his temper on only one _____ as far as I can remember.
- My best friend did an excellent _____ arranging the party for us so well.
- Excuse me! I have to get to _____ and I'm already late.
- Jessica's birthday was a great _____: I won't forget it for a long time.

5. Complete these sentences with *work*, *job* or *career*:

- Dad was promoted yesterday, so that's very good for his _____.
- I'm going to paid some unpaid _____ experience in the special effects studio.
- Clearance gave up his _____ as a doctor and he is still out of _____.

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4. The journey takes an hour each way so I don't have time to do much after _____.
5. I do five long days, which is very hard _____.
6. Gary had a long _____ in the police force.
7. I've just applied for a _____ at the English institute.

6. Use the words in brackets to complete the gaps:

1. I'm interested in the _____ (vacant) for security agent in your organization.
2. Amy has a lot of experience: she has worked in the _____ (cater) industry for nearly ten years.
3. With all those _____ (qualify), I'm sure you will get the job easily.
4. You now what, Aaron? I need very _____ (rely) people with me now.
5. Don't blame Jackie: she has recently finished a _____ (train) course.
6. My class mate is very _____ (ambition): he is always thinking about great things.
7. He is very _____ (enthusiasm) about a career in the hotel business.



House and Space

1. Circle the correct word in italics:

1. The silk trade has many roots in this *place/area* of Florence.
2. The *location/place* of the haunted house is near the principal avenue, it's easy to find.
3. When I went to bed last night, I could hear the passing gondoliers and the concert in the *place/square* nearby.
4. She gave me a suspicious look when I called her *area/place* my "second home".

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2. Circle the correct word in *italics*:

1. You can stay here if you want: we've got loads of *room/place*.
2. There isn't enough *place/space* for both of us in this town.
3. And remember: The concert will take place in the main *square/place* in front of the sea!
4. I don't have enough *space/area* in my house to hold a party like that.
5. Are you sure you have enough *place/room* for all the things I am bringing?
6. I'm enclosing a map which shows the *place/location* of my city.
7. It's dangerous to go walking in this *area/place* at night.
8. The animals in this zoo have a lot of *space/area* to move around.

3. Write area, place, room or space in the gaps to form collocations:

1. dining/penalty/play/picnic/reception: _____
2. leg/head/standing: _____
3. personal/public/office/parking/floor/green: _____
4. market/hiding/meeting: _____

4. Complete these sentences by writing collocations from the previous exercise:

1. I love where I live. It's surrounded by _____ with lots of trees and lawns.
2. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable by standing too close to you, we say that they have entered your _____.
3. There are lots of stalls in the _____ selling fruit and vegetables.
4. When you go to the country, it's good to find a _____ where you can sit and eat a snack.
5. He's very tall and the seats on the plane didn't have enough _____.

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5. Cross out the option in *italics* which is NOT correct:

1. Her bedroom **looks/overlooks/gives** an overview of the sea.
2. Austin **installed/converted/turned** the smallest bedroom in our house into a studio.
3. The town where we live used to be quite run down but in the last few years it has become much more **likeable/fashionable/desirable**.
4. The club in our town is **ideally/comfortably/conveniently** located.
5. The only shopping mall in this city is a good **location/place/area** for meeting friends.
6. My friend's family's apartment is furnished very **richly/expensively/luxuriously**.
7. When my cousin first moved into a flat on his own, he could only afford **cheap/poor/second** hand furniture.
8. The design of the flat is very **stylish/simple/well equipped**.
9. My brother's apartment is quite small but there's **convenient/enough/sufficient** space for one person.



Adjective Collocations with Job and Work

1. For each sentence, choose a word from the box. Then circle *job* and *work* in each sentence:

temporary	full time	skilled	paid	outdoor	weekend
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1. _____ **job/work** can be very demanding in summer but I prefer working in an office.
2. You need training and qualifications to be a mechanic it's _____ **job/work**.
3. My sister's only working there for five weeks because it's a _____ **job/work**.
4. Jake's looking for _____ **job/work**: he is only free on Sundays and Saturdays.
5. Diana can't afford to live on what she earns: she needs to find a better- _____ **work/job**.
6. My mum has a _____ **job/work**, she works nine hours a day, six days a week.

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Words often confused

1. Five of these sentences below contain an incorrect word. Correct them and put a tick next to the sentences which are correct.

1. I saw a really funny programme on TV last night. _____
2. My brother's written a novel and there's an opportunity it might be published.

3. Forty years ago, people didn't have so many occasions to travel. _____
4. I'll lend you my earrings as it's a special occasion. _____
5. Is there a possibility that you could come round on Friday instead of Saturday.

6. The Chemistry course will be fun as the other teenagers are very funny.

7. Joe's not working tomorrow so he'll take the opportunity to play golf.

8. Karin has been offered a wonderful occasion to play at a music festival.
