

Putting words together...



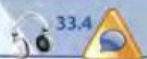
- ▶ If you send a letter or a form to say that you want a job, you **apply for a job**. If someone **offers you a job** they tell you that you can have a job, and if you **lose your job**, your job is taken away, either because you are fired or because the job no longer exists.
- ▶ People who work fewer than the normal number of hours **work part-time** or have a **part-time job**. People who work the normal number of hours **work full-time** or **have a full-time job**.
- ▶ Someone who is **out of work** does not have a job. If they want a job, they will have to **look for work** or **look for a job**.
- ▶ If you **get paid** for doing something, you get money for it.
- ▶ The time when you stop to eat in the middle of the day is your **lunch break**. At that time, we say that people are **on their lunch break**.

Exercise 4

Match the first part of each sentence (1–6) with the second (a–f).

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| 1 He lost his job last May when the factory shut, | a but she didn't get it. |
| 2 She applied for a job at the hospital | b a company that develops websites. |
| 3 I've been working in a school, but | c as a driver for a rich businessman. |
| 4 He works part-time for | d most firms only employ people who already have experience. |
| 5 I was offered a job | e and he's been out of work since then. |
| 6 I'm looking for a job in advertising but | f I don't get paid for it. |

Asking about your job



To ask someone what sort of job they do, you can say:

- ▶ *What do you do?*
- ▶ *What sort of work/job do you do?*

If someone asks you what you do, you can say something like:

- ▶ *I work in a bank/office/factory.*
- ▶ *I'm a teacher/doctor.*
- ▶ *I'm working as a nurse/a journalist.*
- ▶ *I work for a company that makes medical equipment/runs language courses.*

Exercise 5



Complete the dialogues. Listen and check.

David: Pleased to meet you, Rose. What sort of ¹ job/work do you do?

Rose: I'm ² _____ as a journalist on a sports magazine at the moment.

David: Do you enjoy it?

Rose: The work is interesting, but my ³ _____ is low, and my boss is a very unpleasant woman.

David: What's wrong with her?

Rose: She arranges meetings at seven o'clock in the morning, and she doesn't even let us have a ⁴ _____ break.

Beth: It's lovely to see you, Isabel. What do you ⁵ _____ now?

Isabel: I'm a teacher at the moment, but I'm looking for something different.

Beth: Why is that?

Isabel: I have two small children, and I'd really like a ⁶ _____ job, so that I can spend more time with them.

Beth: Yes, I see. Working ⁷ _____ is difficult when you have children, isn't it? A lot of the ⁸ _____ in my company work part-time for the same reason.

Use the words you've learned...

Describe the job you do or the job you hope to do in the future.