

### STAGES IN CAREER. 8<sup>TH</sup>. UNIT 3.

Task 1. Complete the texts using the given verbs in the correct form.

work   go   borrow   apply   look after   get   find   take   set up  
go back



“ I did a full-time course in tourism for three years. After graduating I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for several jobs before I was offered one in a travel agency. I liked the job as I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of useful work experience and I had the opportunity to travel a lot. After five years I decided to <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my own travel company aimed at budget travel for young people. I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money from the bank and everyone thought I was crazy to begin with, but now my business is successful and I’m my own boss. I think you have to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a risk if you want to be successful.”

“ I’ve just <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to work again now my children are seven and three years old. I used to <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as an accountant for a large company in London. I liked the work and the pay was good, but when we decided to start a family I knew that I had to make a choice. I know a lot of women who <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ back to work soon after they have a baby but I wanted to <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my children myself. I think it was the right decision for me and now I’ve <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a new job quite easily.”



Task 2. Complete the sentences using gerund (-ing) or infinitive (to).

It's easy to get (get) to our house.  
Just turn left after the swimming pool.

- 1 Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a taxi, why don't you get a bus? It would be much cheaper.
- 2 It was really difficult \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) what he was saying because of the noise.
- 3 It's not safe \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home alone at night in this area.
- 4 I'm not ready \_\_\_\_\_ (go) yet. Can you wait for me?
- 5 Don't make a decision without \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to me about it first.

- 6 I thought about \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to university but then decided to take a year off first.
- 7 I found it really hard \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a job when I left school.
- 8 He took a year off before \_\_\_\_\_ (start) university.
- 9 She wasn't happy about \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in London, but she couldn't get a job in Manchester.
- 10 It's very difficult \_\_\_\_\_ (understand) someone who speaks too fast.

When I was at secondary school, I went to all the **lessons** and **did** my **homework**, but I didn't **work** very **hard**. So, when I **took exams** at 16, my **results** weren't fantastic. I **passed** six, which was good, but I **failed** maths. My **worst** result was physics – I got a **grade E**, which was terrible. After that, I went to a sixth form college where I worked hard and **did well**. I passed all my exams at 18 and went to university. That's where I am now.



## Glossary

**lesson** a period of time (about an hour) in school when you are learning something

**do homework** to do work the teacher has given you to do at home (NOT homeworks)

**work hard** work a lot

**result** what you get in an exam, e.g. 80%, A, or 8/10

**(the) worst** superlative of bad OPP **(the) best** superlative of good

**grade** you get a **grade** (e.g. A or B) or a **mark** (e.g. 15/20) in an exam

**do well** be good at something and get better at it OPP **do badly**

## spotlight exam (examination)

An **exam** is an important test at the end of a period of study.

**take an exam** = sit down and write your answers in the exam

**pass an exam** = take an exam and do well, e.g. grade A or 85%

**fail an exam** = take an exam and do badly, e.g. grade D or 35%

Task 3. Look at Rafael's exam results on the right and complete the answers to the questions.

- How many exams did he take? 7
- 1 Did he take an exam in chemistry? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 How many did he pass? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How many did he fail? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What was his best grade? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What was his worst grade? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What did he get in English? \_\_\_\_\_

| Exam      | Grade | A, B, C – pass<br>D, E – fail |
|-----------|-------|-------------------------------|
| French    | B     |                               |
| IT        | C     |                               |
| Geography | D     |                               |
| Biology   | A     |                               |
| English   | C     |                               |
| History   | B     |                               |
| Maths     | E     |                               |



Task 4. Complete the sentences.

- Six out of ten isn't a very good mark .
- I have to \_\_\_\_\_ an English exam tomorrow.
  - Did you \_\_\_\_\_ your homework last night?
  - Paula did very \_\_\_\_\_ in her German exam; she got a \_\_\_\_\_ A.
  - I got my exam \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday. I passed all of them.
  - Andre is very unhappy at the moment. He's doing \_\_\_\_\_ at school, and last week he \_\_\_\_\_ an important maths exam.
  - Maths is my \_\_\_\_\_ subject. I'm terrible at it.

|    | Degree subject          | Person                                             |
|----|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | <b>medicine</b>         | <b>a doctor</b>                                    |
| 2  | <b>psychology</b>       | <b>a psychologist</b>                              |
| 3  | <b>economics</b>        | <b>an economist</b>                                |
| 4  | <b>law</b>              | <b>a lawyer</b>                                    |
| 5  | <b>politics</b>         | <b>a politician</b>                                |
| 6  | <b>engineering</b>      | <b>an engineer</b>                                 |
| 7  | <b>architecture</b>     | <b>an architect</b>                                |
| 8  | <b>computer science</b> | <b>an IT manager</b><br><b>a software engineer</b> |
| 9  | <b>journalism</b>       | <b>a journalist</b><br><b>a reporter</b>           |
| 10 | <b>business studies</b> | <b>a businessman/woman</b><br><b>a manager</b>     |



Task 5. Complete the sentences. Use the degree subject on the right to help you.

- He always wanted to be a lawyer .
- She wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - When did he become an \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - She's studying to become an \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Why does he want to be a \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - She works as an \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - I don't know anyone who wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Is it difficult to become a \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - I knew he'd become a \_\_\_\_\_ .

LAW  
 MEDICINE  
 ENGINEERING  
 ARCHITECTURE  
 PSYCHOLOGY  
 ECONOMICS  
 POLITICS  
 JOURNALISM  
 BUSINESS STUDIES

| Word                                    | Example                                             | Meaning                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>self-employed</b>                    | Are you <b>self-employed</b> ?                      | working for yourself, not for a company                                          |
| <b>unemployed</b>                       | I'm <b>unemployed</b> , but I'm looking for a job.  | with no job, but wanting to work                                                 |
| <b>retired</b>                          | My grandfather is <b>retired</b> now.               | = My grandfather has stopped work because he is over 65.                         |
| <b>housewife</b> OR <b>househusband</b> | She's a <b>housewife</b> now, but she was a lawyer. | a woman or a man who looks after the house and family and doesn't go out to work |
| <b>boss</b>                             | Who's <b>the boss</b> in this company?              | a person who tells people what to do in their jobs                               |

Task 6. Choose the correct answer.

► The most important person in the company is the **boss**/hairdresser.

- 1 A **police officer**/vet works with dogs and cats.
- 2 A **shop assistant**/dentist sells things.
- 3 A **housewife**/nurse works in a hospital.
- 4 Retired people are usually **young**/old.
- 5 An unemployed person **has**/hasn't got a job.
- 6 A **businesswoman**/soldier can be self-employed.
- 7 A businessman usually has a **secretary**/househusband.
- 8 A **pilot**/dentist looks after people's teeth.
- 9 A **lorry driver**/chef works in a kitchen.
- 10 A **builder**/cleaner works outdoors a lot.

Where does he work?

He works in ... an office



a factory



a hospital



Who does she work for?

She works for

a car **company**, e.g. Toyota  
an **airline**, e.g. Cathay Pacific

What hours does he work?

He's got

a **full-time** job, e.g. 40 hours **a week**  
a **part-time** job, e.g. 15 hours a week

He works

**long hours**, e.g. 12 hours **a day**  
**from nine to five**

How much does she earn?

She **earns** a lot. Her **salary** is \$80,000 **a year**.

He **doesn't earn** very much. He gets **low wages**.

### Glossary

**earn** receive money for the work that you do

**salary** money you receive every month for the work that you do

**wages** money you receive every week for the work that you do

**low** If you earn **low wages**, you earn less than is normal.

opp **high**



Task 7. Complete the sentences with words and expressions in the box.

office    an American airline    she work    hours a day    work for  
long hours ✓    earn much    job    ten to six    a factory    does he earn

- He works long hours .                      6 Where does \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
1 She works ten \_\_\_\_\_ .                      7 She works for \_\_\_\_\_ .  
2 I work in \_\_\_\_\_ .                      8 She doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ .  
3 He works in an \_\_\_\_\_ ?                      9 It's a full-time \_\_\_\_\_ .  
4 Who do you \_\_\_\_\_ ?                      10 I work from \_\_\_\_\_ .  
5 How much \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Task 8. Complete the text with missing information.

My sister's a nurse in our local ► hospital . She only works (1) \_\_\_\_\_-time  
– about 15 hours (2) \_\_\_\_\_ week – and she doesn't (3) \_\_\_\_\_ much money.  
Nurses in our country generally get (4) \_\_\_\_\_ wages. Her husband is a doctor, and he  
works very long (5) \_\_\_\_\_ – sometimes 14 hours a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ . He earns  
about \$90,000 a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ which is a very high (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in our country.

Feedback. Answer the questions about the work you have done.

- a) Were the tasks difficult/interesting/ easy/ ... ? \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Which task/s was/were difficult and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
c) What did I learn while completing the tasks? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
d) What mark would you give yourself and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for your honesty!

Yours OP

