

Class Work

WORK or JOB?

Work is something you do to earn money. This noun is uncountable.

She enjoys her work in the hospital.

Job is used to talk about the particular type of work activity which you do.

He's looking for a job in computer programming.

POSSIBILITY, OCCASION or OPPORTUNITY?

A **possibility** is a chance that something may happen or be true.

'Possibility' cannot be followed by an infinitive.

Is there a possibility of getting a job in your organisation?

An **occasion** is an event, or a time when something happens.

'Occasion' does not mean 'chance' or 'opportunity'.

Birthdays are always special occasions.

An **opportunity** is a possibility of doing something, or a situation which gives you the possibility of doing something.

The trip to Paris gave me an opportunity to speak French.

I have more opportunity to travel than my parents did.

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1 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 It was hard physical (**job / work**), you know, lifting people, helping them into wheelchairs and pushing them.
- 2 I got my first (**job / work**) as an assistant receptionist in a hotel when I was just 18.
- 3 It wasn't a very well-paid (**job / work**), but then first (jobs / works) often aren't.
- 4 I thought it was a great (**opportunity / occasion / possibility**) to get some work experience.
- 5 And on some (**opportunities / possibilities / occasions**) I was left on my own as the person in charge of the whole of this enormous hotel.



career [kæ'riə]

Your **career** is the work you do over a number of years:

His acting career began when he was just 6 years old and is still going well.

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employer [ɪm'plɔɪə]

is a person or a company that employs other people.

employee [ɪm'plɔɪ'i:]

is a person who works for somebody.

2 *Brush up your vocabulary. Choose the best word to complete each sentence. Use a dictionary to help you.*

- 1 I plan to have a long (**career / occupation**) in advertising, but I know I will have to work hard to succeed.
- 2 The annual (**salary / money**) for this job is £35,000 a year.
- 3 I've got a holiday job, delivering newspapers. The (**salary / pay**) is quite good. It's £5.00 an hour.
- 4 When did your (**occupation / employment**) with this company begin?
- 5 So, would you like to arrange a loan with our bank, Mr Johnson? Do you mind if I ask you a few questions first? What is your (**occupation / employment**)?

Homework: make up your own sentences with new words (8)