Your annual salary is the total amount you are paid over a year. ***Salaries*** are paid monthly; if you are paid daily or weekly you get ***wages***.
You are ***dismissed, sacked or fired*** if you do something wrong at work or if you do not work to the required standard. You are ***made redundant*** when the company closes or doesn't have enough work.
In the USA a ***CV (curriculum vitae)*** is called a ***resume***.

C Circle the words or phrases in bold that complete the sentences correctly.

When I was 27, I started my first job. It really wasn't easy to find a(n) (1) **well-paid / extra** and interesting job then. I did a lot of casual work, however, I couldn't (2) **support / bring up** my family so I had to look for a better job. I worked as a kitchen helper for a while but soon I was (3) **sacked / self-employed** and my husband (4) **also got a commission / was also made redundant,** so we were both (5) **on the dole / dismissed**.

Not having any chances of finding a job with a future, as I didn't have either work experience or good (6) **qualifications / salary**, I had to go abroad to make a living. I did seasonal work picking strawberries. The pay was good, but the (7) **workmates / working conditions** were really difficult. When I came back, my husband and I decided to (8) **start our own business / go for an interview** even though it would require a lot of hard work and dedication.

Now, we are 55 and we (9) **retired / got a pay rise** two years ago. Our son is (10) **in charge of the company / given notice** and we are living happily off our high pensions.

This just goes to show that you can be successful, provided you never give up hope.

Exercise 8. Complete the sentences with the words.

long hours a company car six weeks' paid holiday a good pension scheme well-paid run a system of flexi-time health insurance good salary do overtime to get promoted

1. I don't work very _____ and my work isn't very _____.
2. I got _____ and _____.
3. They've got _____.
4. Have a private _____.
5. I'm on a pretty _____ but I'm hoping _____ next year.
6. I can _____ if I like. They _____.

Exercise 9. Complete the sentences with the words.

stressful challenging boring satisfying repetitive

1. My job's so _____. It's the same thing day after day.
2. It's so _____. I just sit there all day filling in forms.
3. It's very _____ to know that you've helped somebody.
4. I find it very _____. It requires a lot of concentration and determination.
5. This job's so _____. It's making me ill.

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