

Vocabulary

1 Complete the missing letters in the sentences below:

- a. It might be a good idea to do an i _____ if you haven't worked anywhere before as you might gain your initial work experience and see what it is like to work in general.
- b. As a factory worker, he works on an a _____ line putting parts of laptops together.
- c. One of the benefits of being s _____ - _____ is that you choose when you work. Another significant advantage is that you are your own boss and nobody gives you orders.
- d. If you work hard on your education, you can count on a w _____ - c _____ job in the future.
- e. Sarah has recently been promoted and her s _____ has increased from two thousand pounds per month to three thousand.
- f. Most students are of the opinion that a lot of subjects that are currently on the c _____ are hardly useful and should be replaced with more practical and ones (e.g. the basics of law).
- g. A lot of people are choosing to work o _____ these days claiming that the money they get for extra hours helps them to repay their mortgages.
- h. Medical staff such as nurses, doctors, and paramedics work s _____ as their working hours vary from week to week.
- i. At the age of 65 he r _____ from his job and decided to live by the seaside in his old age.
- j. Because of the economic crisis, the owner of the factory was forced to l _____ o _____ two hundred workers last month.
- k. As a dentist, she has f _____ working hours. She decides when she sees her patients.
- l. I particularly hate it when I have to m _____ some text for my Polish classes and then recite it from my memory.
- m. After he broke the school rules three times, he was s _____ in his rights as a student.
- n. In her university years she had very good marks and was awarded a s _____ for her outstanding academic achievements.
- o. His mother was shocked to catch him p _____ t _____ in the park last week. At the time he had his classes at school, she found him smoking cigarettes on a park bench with some of his classmates.
- p. Many students are strongly opposed to the idea of wearing uniforms in schools. However, in the best educational institutions uniforms are simply c _____ and students are obliged to wear them on a daily basis.
- r. Because of her illness he has f _____ b _____ with schoolwork and she has to catch up with it in the week to come.
- s. Any person should react firmly if they see a case of b _____ in school. The fact that some students mistreat others is simply unacceptable.
- t. After he graduated from university, he received a d _____ in economy. This enabled him to pursue a career in finance and accounting.
- u. In most primary schools pupils can take their lunch in the school c _____.

Use of English

2 Read the text below. For each gap choose the correct option.

Hybrid working

Try typing in the phrase 'hybrid working' on your ¹ _____ engine and thousands of links will appear, powered by the changes made by the Covid pandemic to the professional world. Working ² _____ had already been growing before the pandemic hit, but now that people have got used to working from home, it has become difficult to go back to the office full time. The solution is hybrid working.

Hybrid working is the situation where employees spend some time in the office and some time at home. For most people the basic ³ _____ for working from home are just a table or other workspace with a computer, telephone and a fast Internet connection. Once someone has set up a home office, it doesn't seem necessary to return to commuting to the office every day. ⁴ _____ working hours also mean that workers are happier because they have more time to resolve the home-work balance.

However, spending some time in the office prevents some of the disadvantages too. Workers ⁵ _____ complain that it is hard to separate home and work life when you work from home. Furthermore, not having ⁶ _____ to chat to can also be challenging, meaning people can end up feeling isolated. Furthermore, good as video conferencing is, sometimes nothing can replace a face-to-face chat when serious decisions need to be made. Hence hybrid working allows both bosses and workers to enjoy the best of both worlds.

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| 1 A discover | B find |
| C look | D search |
| 2 A distantly | B homely |
| C remotely | D virtually |
| 3 A requirements | B conditions |
| C demands | D prescriptions |
| 4 A Temporary | B Flexible |
| C Open | D Free |
| 5 A commonly | B largely |
| C popularly | D completely |
| 6 A colleagues | B staff |
| C employers | D employees |

3 Complete the gaps in the text below by choosing and modifying the words given above the text.

compete fulfil imagine interest vocation voluntary

Perhaps the idea of working on a desert island in the Caribbean catches your ¹ _____? If it does, the hotel industry may be the perfect career path for you. However, you need more than a plane ticket and good language skills to land a job in such a place. Being one of the world's biggest industries, tourism is a very ² _____ work environment and it's not easy to get a job at one of the big hotel chains. As a result, there are ³ _____ schools all over the world providing the necessary training for this industry, especially in Spain and Switzerland. ⁴ _____, even people who wish to work as managers must learn the basics of hotel life, such as how to clean bathrooms as quickly as possible, or the correct way of folding sheets on a bed. It's hard work but it can all be worth it if you get the job of your dreams at the end of it.

capable common train comprehensible literacy moral wrap

- Today over 785 million adults worldwide are _____ - they can't read or write.
- The teacher complained that her students are _____ of doing complex calculations.
- The children couldn't wait to _____ the gifts.
- The teacher told me my English is sometimes _____ and I must speak more clearly.
- Lying in your résumé is not only _____ but it can damage your reputation.
- Having a very tight working schedule and a number of responsibilities to face in the office, he was relieved to see that a _____ that had recently been placed under his supervision would assist him in the future.

4 Rewrite the sentences below retaining their original meaning and using the key words given (do not change the key words in any way). You may use up to five words in each gap.

- You should leave now or you'll be late for work. **HAD**
You _____ now or you'll be late for work.
- My parents would like me to become a surgeon. **RATHER**
My parents _____ a surgeon.
- I would rather help in a restaurant than pick fruit. **PREFER**
I _____ pick fruit.
- We don't want to employ another assistant. **RATHER**
We _____ another assistant.
- Angela advised me to be more systematic. **BETTER**

Angela said I _____ more systematic.

- 6 Our school hired someone to paint the sports hall during the summer holidays. **PAINTED**
Our school _____ during the summer holidays.
- 7 A professional photographer is taking our photo tomorrow. **HAVING**
We _____ a professional photographer tomorrow.
- 8 An expert at the computer shop removed the virus from my laptop. **HAD**
I _____ from my laptop at the computer shop.
- 9 Do you know where I can get my eye test? **TESTED**
Can you tell me a place where I can _____ ?
- 10 They refused to get a professional to design their website. **DESIGNED**
They didn't want to _____ a professional.

6 Read the text below. Complete each gap with one word.

From an outsider to an insider

Internships are a way for young people to gain work ¹ _____ in their chosen field to make themselves more attractive to future employers. In this article, Lucy Green (22) explains how an internship was helpful for her.

I had just finished university and was looking for a career, but I applied for lots of jobs but I couldn't even get an interview. Someone suggested that I apply to be an intern and it was the best thing I ever did. I worked for eight weeks at a newspaper. It was a fascinating way of ² _____ the ropes. I got on-the-job training and had a mentor who was willing to answer any questions I had. The only problem was that it was badly paid, and I was only able to ³ _____ ends meet because I was living at my parents' at the same time. Nevertheless, now when I go to an interview, I can say that I've ⁴ _____ articles published and know how to set out a newspaper. I also made useful contacts and even though the company I worked for didn't offer me a job, they did promise to write me a reference for a future employer, which will be very useful when I next want to start at a new company.

Listening

7 You will hear an interview with an expert on the job market. Based on what you hear, please complete the gaps in the sentences below.

- 1 Doing _____ will get you an advantage over other job candidates.
- 2 You should start preparing your job application as soon as you _____.
- 3 After reading _____, update your CV to include all the necessary information.
- 4 Judith explains how to answer an interview question about _____.
- 5 According to Judith, you shouldn't ask _____ until after the interview

8 You will hear four speakers discussing the topic of education. Match the speakers to the points listed below. One option is extra and no speaker can be linked to it.

This speaker

- A was initially unsure about doing the course. _____
- B believes that the course could help their career prospects. _____
- C explains how to sign up for something. _____
- D isn't entirely happy with their teacher. _____
- E talks about the details in an advert not being quite right. _____

9 Read the text. Choose the correct answers to questions 1-5.

A career on TV

A 24-year-old woman has been given a job as a presenter at the BBC after her videos were seen by a TV producer on YouTube. Susi Weaver was working for an advertising agency as a public relations advisor, but, in her spare time, she was giving video demonstrations of various gadgets which she posted online. Now, instead of following her online, her fans can see her every Sunday morning on BBC2's successful Something for the Weekend show.

TV producer Mike Worsley said that because Susi's videos were already online, he had a good idea of what she would be like on screen before he met her in person. Indeed, only a quick phone call and a short test in front of the camera were enough to convince the show's producers to hand her a position. It was a rapid entry for a role which would usually require producing a detailed CV and going through several stages of interviews before a final decision is made. Worsley explained that he had never used this method of looking for talent before – in fact, he believed Susi was the first person to be spotted on the Internet and then employed as a presenter on UK TV. He added that Susi's PR background was also an advantage, since dealing with clients had developed her communication skills.

Worsley thinks that part of the reason for Susi's popularity is the fact that she is female – relatively untypical in her chosen field. He predicts a successful future ahead for her because of her positive, self-assured and slightly unusual style, and the way she always engages and draws in her audience. Susi's job involves researching apps and gadgets and selecting the best ones to demonstrate on the show. She has a week to draw up her shortlist; once she's done this, she gets the TV crew to purchase the gadgets she is going to review. The segment is always filmed on Sunday, and broadcast live. Susi always arrives early, drinks a quick cup of tea, has her make-up done by the professional make-up artist, then sits in the 'green room', going through her notes as she waits to go on air. That is if she isn't being starstruck by all the other celebrity guests who are also sitting on the sofas and waiting for their chance to speak to the nation.

Susi admits to feeling nervous. 'I'm not sure why it's different from the webcam – but you're much more aware of people watching you. On the other hand, it's reassuring that other people are in charge of making sure everything works properly. That makes me feel that everything will go well.' One of her personal tricks is to pretend that the live broadcast is actually just the rehearsal, which is one way of achieving a looser, more natural delivery on screen.

Susi sometimes wonders how she managed to get into TV so easily. She is regretful that friends of hers who have worked really hard to make it into TV or acting haven't been so lucky – all she did to get her dream job was to play around with gadgets for fun!

- 1 What job did Susi do before?
A She sold advertising for YouTube.
B She worked in public relations.
C She assisted a BBC video producer.
D She designed successful gadgets.
- 2 What had the BBC NOT done before?
A Taken on an inexperienced presenter.
B Featured amateur videos on one of their shows.
C Hired a communications specialist.
D Employed someone after seeing their work online.
- 3 What does Susi do before each show?
A She reviews what she's going to say.
B She does her own make-up.
C She buys the gadgets she's going to review.
D She chats to famous people.
- 4 By using the word reassuring in paragraph 4 Susi wants to say that other people at work make her feel less
A embarrassed.
B natural.
C worried.
D depressed.
- 5 Why does Susi feel bad?
A Her dream job was to be on the stage.
B Her friends haven't been as fortunate as her.
C Her new job is less fun than her old one.
D She lost friends when she became successful.

10 Read the text below. Based on what you have read, please complete the gaps in sentences 1-5.

The Mozart Effect

In 1993, researchers at the University of California discovered that students who listened to Mozart's Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major significantly increased their intelligence test marks. Even rats were found to run faster and do various tasks more accurately after listening to Mozart than after listening to other kinds of music. This discovery became known as the Mozart Effect and had a huge impact on people: shops sold out of the music, the state of Georgia reserved \$100,000 so that every new mother could be given a free copy as they left hospital, the state of Florida passed a law that classical music must be played every day in all pre-schools. Pregnant mothers all over the world started playing classical music hoping that it might help them produce more intelligent babies. In addition, many books have been written and a lot of money has been made from the Mozart Effect theory. For example, Don Campbell, a Mozart Effect expert who has written several books and put together several CDs on the subject, has made more than \$2 million.

Many psychologists, however, disputed the theory. They argued that the original research was only done on adults and that there is in fact no evidence that listening to music has any effect at all on children or babies. Some more research was conducted in Germany, this time including children. It was discovered that the Mozart Effect had only a short-term effect, continuing for only twenty minutes after the music stopped. What's more, they discovered that not everyone who listened to Mozart had better marks in intelligence tests. They found that people can achieve better marks by listening to any sort of music, or even listening to a story, as long as you like what you are hearing.

However, the German studies did show that there is one way in which music really can improve your intelligence and that is through music lessons, particularly piano lessons. The studies showed that children who were given music lessons before the age of seven, as opposed to drama lessons or no extra lessons, performed better in intelligence tests. The experts are unsure about the reason for this, but suggest that it could be that in music lessons pupils use a variety of mental skills, including accurate finger movement, memory skills and listening for rhythm.

- 1 The researchers from University of California argued that the music of Mozart _____ on people and on some animals.
- 2 According to the article, _____ in particular tried to apply the Mozart Effect in their everyday lives.
- 3 The Mozart Effect theory was criticized because _____.
- 4 It seems that the Mozart Effect doesn't help long-term memory because it _____.
- 5 The German researchers claim that instead of music, you can _____ to enjoy the benefits of the Mozart Effect.

