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Employment and career Phrasal verbs Colloquial phrases Collocations to describe work and money

1 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 I can't go out this weekend – I'm totally snowed _____ and must catch up on my studies.
- 2 We were exhausted and hungry, but we pressed _____ until we finished the project.
- 3 Have you heard? The local arts centre is taking _____ interns. Shall we apply?
- 4 It's important to be able to stand _____ for yourself and not allow people to exploit you.
- 5 I'm sick and tired of people ordering me _____. Even the most junior employee deserves some respect.

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2 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first and the last letters of the words have been given.

- 1 This job is a terrific opportunity for me; I hope it may help me j_____p-start my career.
- 2 When you work o_____e, you're entitled to higher pay than during your normal working hours.
- 3 Will the company c_____r all our expenses on this trip?
- 4 Working without a p_____t contract can make you feel insecure.
- 5 The problem is, I don't have the g_____s to tell my boss he's treating me unfairly.

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3 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

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- 1 Would it annoy you if you had to do _____ tasks in your first job?
- 2 My parents are keeping _____ on me – I have to text them to let them know I'm OK.
- 3 The trick is to make yourself _____ – then they can't fire you.
- 4 It's not a permanent job, just a short-term _____.
- 5 Being late on the first day in a new job can _____ your chances right at the beginning.

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4 Choose the best option.

- 1 He didn't ____ the guts to oppose his boss, who was obviously unfair.
A have B own C possess
- 2 These days, employers look for candidates who can ____ the ground running and don't need a lot of training or explaining.
A hit B strike C stamp
- 3 Ever since that foolish incident, the police have been ____ tabs on him.
A holding B preserving C keeping
- 4 After five years at university, do I really have to start in a job that barely pays the ____ wage?
A minimum B minimal C minimalist
- 5 Our grandparents were usually able to ____ a permanent job within a few years of graduating.
A catch B land C arrive

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