

# Work, work, work



## 1. Correct the mistakes.

Pierre is talking about his work. Correct what he says.

I work for a French supermarket company. (1) I work *about* the development of new supermarkets. (2) In fact, I *running* the development department and (3) I *am manage* for a team looking at the possibilities in different countries. It's very interesting. (4) One of my *main* is to make sure that new supermarkets open on time. (5) I'm also *charged with* financial reporting. (6) I deal *at* a lot of different organizations in my work. (7) I'm *responsible of* planning projects from start to finish. (8) I work closely *near* our foreign partners, and so I travel a lot.

## 2. Complete with one preposition.

Rebecca lives in London and works in public relations. She leaves home for work at 7.30 am. She drives (1) ..... work.

The traffic is often bad and she worries about getting

(2) ..... work late, but she usually arrives

(3) ..... work at around nine. She finishes work quite late, at about eight. 'Luckily, I'm never ill,' she says.

'I could never take the time (4) ..... work.'

She loves what she does and is glad to be (5) ..... work.

Some of her friends are not so lucky: they are

(6) ..... work.

## 3. Write about each person using the words in brackets.

- 1 I'm Alicia. I work in a public library in the afternoons from two until six. (I/job)  
I *have a part-time job*.
- 2 My husband works in an office from 9 am to 5.30 pm. (he/job)
- 3 Our daughter works in a bank from eight till five every day. (she/work)
- 4 I'm David and I work in a café from 8 pm until midnight. (I/work)
- 5 My wife works in local government and she can have this job for as long as she *wants it*. (she/job)
- 6 Our son is working on a farm for four weeks. (he/job)
- 7 Our daughter is working in an office for three weeks. (she/work)

#### 4. Match the numbers with the letters.

- 1 A software designer in an Internet company. Has to be in the office.
  - 2 An office worker in a large, traditional manufacturing company.
  - 3 A manager in a department store in a large city. Lives in the country.
  - 4 A construction worker on a building site where work goes on 24 hours a day.
  - 5 A technical writer for a city computer company. Lives in the country.
- a work in shifts  
b work under a flexitime system  
c telecommute  
d commute to work  
e clock on and off at the same time every day

#### 5. Match the jobs with the descriptions and complete the text with the words in brackets in the correct form.

- 1 accountant
- 2 postwoman
- 3 flight attendant
- 4 software developer
- 5 teacher

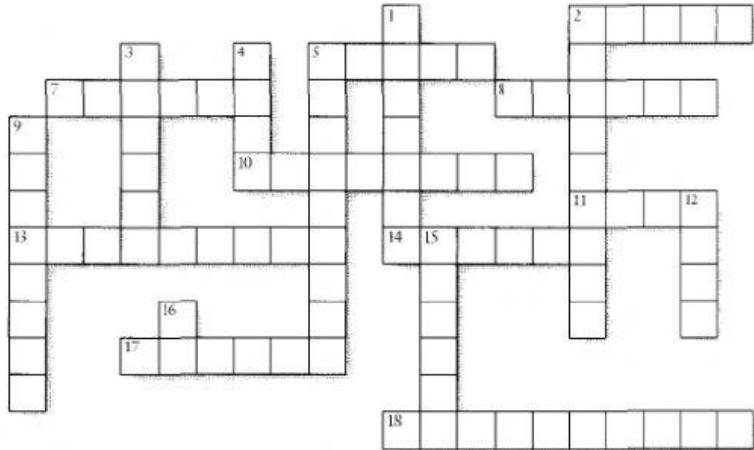
- a Obviously, my work involves ..... (travel) a lot. It can be quite physically ..... (tire), but I enjoy ..... (deal) with customers, except when they become violent. Luckily this doesn't happen often.
- b I like ..... (work) with figures, but my job is much less ..... (bore) and routine than people think. The work ..... (involve) a lot of human contact and teamwork, working with other managers.
- c Of course, it involves getting up quite early in the morning. But I like ..... (be) out in the open air. And I get a lot of exercise!
- d You've got to think in a very logical way. The work can be mentally ..... (tire), but it's very satisfying to write a program that works.
- e I love my job. It's very ..... (stimulate) and not at all ..... (repeat): no two days are the same. It's good to see the children learn and develop.



## 6. Crossword.

### Across

- 2 and 17 Office workers may wear this. (5,6)
- 5 All the people working for a company. (5)
- 7 ..... workers use their hands. (6)
- 8 When people stop working to protest. (6)
- 10 One of the people working for an organization. (8)
- 11 Occasions when workers stop working to protest: walk-..... (4)
- 13 Another name for the human resources department. (9)
- 14 Workers seen as a group. (6)
- 18 and 15 down Various forms of protest at work. (10,6)



### Down

- 1 Everyone working for a company is on this. (7)
- 2 Everyone, or everyone except top managers. (9)
- 3 These are trade in the UK and labor in the US. (6)
- 4 and 17 across Manual workers may wear this. (4,6)
- 5 The place in a factory where the production lines are. (4, 5)
- 9 When people stop work to complain about something. (8)
- 16 and 12 When workers intentionally produce less. (2,4)

## 7. Complete the text.

I founded Computadoras Creativas 20 years ago. We started with a small (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Madrid. Our (2) \_\_\_\_\_, our (3) \_\_\_\_\_ is still here, but now we have sites all over Spain, with about 500 employees. Many of the offices are (4) \_\_\_\_\_: everyone works together, from managers to (5) \_\_\_\_\_, as well as people selling over the phone, and people in technical (6) \_\_\_\_\_ giving help to customers over the phone. Recruitment is taken care of in Madrid, by the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ or (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

