

## 2 COLLOCATIONS

- a Complete the text with the words in the list.

career   clocking   experience   for   full   job   management  
permanent   positions   qualifications   unpaid

### What I'm **really** thinking – **THE INTERN**

I've just started my third internship. At the end of it, I will have been **working** <sup>1</sup>unpaid for a year. It feels as though I'm not in control of my own life, that I'm helpless. <sup>2</sup>**Academic** \_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>3</sup>**work** \_\_\_\_\_ are almost irrelevant when you're competing against people who have years of experience, many of whom are taking a step down the <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ **ladder**. I'm not choosy – I've spent time in a children's charity, <sup>5</sup>**events** \_\_\_\_\_, a press office – but they haven't got me a <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ **contract**. It's demoralizing. And exhausting – <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ **-hunting** is a <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ **-time occupation**. After <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ **off**, most people can be free for the night. For the intern, it's time to go home and look for work. I have no idea how many <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ I've <sup>11</sup>**applied** \_\_\_\_\_ since graduating, but it's more than 100.