

1 Describing your job

a Read the texts and match them to the pictures. What are the jobs?



1 I only work **part-time** — four mornings a week, and I sometimes do overtime on a Saturday morning. I don't earn a big salary. It's a **temporary** job and I only have a six-month **contract** at the moment. But the **working hours** suit me as I have very young children. When they go to school I would like to find a **permanent** job and work **full-time**. What I like most about my job is working in complete silence! The only noise you can hear is of people turning pages and whispering.

2 I did a six-month **training** course at Technical College to get my **qualifications** and then I worked for a local company to get some **experience**. I worked long hours for a low salary and so I **resigned** last year and became **self-employed**. I prefer working for myself. I don't work regular hours (sometimes people call me in the middle of the night) but you can earn a lot of money in this job, especially in the winter. If I'm lucky, I'll be able to **retire** when I'm 60!

b Match the **highlighted** words in the texts to definitions.

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| 1 a written legal agreement | <u>contract</u> |
| 2 the knowledge you get from doing a job | _____ |
| 3 a series of lessons to learn to do a job | _____ |
| 4 the time you spend doing a job | _____ |
| 5 working for yourself, not for a company | _____ |
| 6 to stop working when you reach a certain age, e.g. 65 | _____ |
| 7 left a job because you wanted to | _____ (opposite _____) |
| 8 lasting for a short time | _____ (opposite _____) |
| 9 for only a part of the day or the week | _____ |
| 10 exams you've passed or courses you've done | _____ |

2 Saying what you do

Complete the Prepositions column.

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| 1 I work _____ a multinational company. | _____ |
| 2 I work _____ a manager. | _____ |
| 3 I'm _____ charge _____ the marketing department. | _____, _____ |
| 4 I work _____ a factory. | _____ |
| 5 I'm _____ responsible _____ customer loans. | _____ |
| 6 I'm _____ school / university. | _____ |
| 7 I'm _____ my third year. | _____ |

3 People

Write two more jobs in each column.

-er	-or	-ist	-ian	others
lawyer /'lɔːjə/ plumber	actor conductor	psychologist scientist	electrician librarian	accountant chef /ʃef/

⚠ An **employer** is a person or company that employs other people. An **employee** is a person who works for somebody.

Can you remember the words on this page? Test yourself or a partner.