

# VOCABULARY: WORK



Revision

Activity 1: Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

1. In summer, some students are employed as \_\_\_\_\_ workers by our local hospital.
2. Apparently, all EU states have declined to ratify the UN Convention on the Right of \_\_\_\_\_ Workers and their families.
3. Are you employed by a company or are you \_\_\_\_\_?
4. In call centres, absence rates can be as high as 30 per cent and employee \_\_\_\_\_ rates can be high as 100 per cent.
5. In many countries, \_\_\_\_\_ work is often available on farms and in orchards, vineyards and forests.

turnover

self-employed

casual

seasonal

Migrant

**Activity 2: Complete the parts of synonyms with items from the box.**

1. to end / \_\_\_\_\_ a contract.
2. to fire / \_\_\_\_\_ an employee.
3. to recruit / \_\_\_\_\_ staff.
4. to make staff redundant to \_\_\_\_\_ staff.
5. to choose / \_\_\_\_\_ a candidate.
6. to quit / \_\_\_\_\_ one's job.



**select**  
**dismiss**  
**terminate**  
**take on**  
**lay off**  
**leave**



Activity 3: Match the words from both columns to make compounds.

work-life

redundancy

maternity

human

communication

job

skills

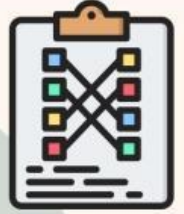
leave

package

security

resources

balance



**Activity 4: Complete the sentences with compounds from the previous exercise.**

1. It doesn't matter how many hours you work. If you have worked continuously for the same employer for two years, you are entitled to have a \_\_\_\_\_ when you are laid off.
2. Most employers today are looking for people who can work across a wide variety of tasks within the workplace so \_\_\_\_\_, the ability to get on with other people and work in a team, are particularly important.
3. High employee turnover is a huge challenge for \_\_\_\_\_ managers.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ used to be given, but today growing numbers of professionals are reinventing themselves by setting up as portfolio workers.
5. When my \_\_\_\_\_ was up, my employers agreed to let me finish at 3 o'clock instead of 5 so I could spend more time with my baby.
6. Portfolio workers should be able to have a better \_\_\_\_\_ but the people who employ them often expect them to be on call 24/7.

maternity  
leave

communication  
skills

work-life balance

redundancy package

job security

Human Resources

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