

1 VOCABULARY work

a Complete the adjectives in the sentences.

- 1 My father is a bus driver, driving the same route every day, but he doesn't find it *monotonous*.
- 2 Ben is working in a d_____ -e_____ job with no chances of promotion.
- 3 My job as a nurse is very dem_____, mainly because I have so many patients to look after.
- 4 Chloe is very ambitious; her dream is to get a h_____ -p_____ job in finance.
- 5 Being a psychologist tests my abilities, and I often find it ch_____, but I love it!
- 6 Factory work can be extremely rep_____; you often do the same thing every day.
- 7 The most mot_____ thing about being a physical therapist is helping people get better.
- 8 Being a sports coach is very rew_____ when your team is doing well.
- 9 Working nights as a security guard can be ted_____ because nothing usually happens.

b Match the words in A to the words in B. Then match the collocations to the definitions.

A academic career (x2) civil events fast job work

B experience hunting ladder manager move qualifications servants track

- 1 a change that you make in order to get a better job
career _____ *move* _____
- 2 the act of looking for employment

- 3 a person who plans and organizes festivals and conferences, etc. _____
- 4 examinations you have passed at school, college or university, etc. _____
- 5 the jobs you have done so far in your life

- 6 a series of jobs within a company or profession, from the lowest paid to the highest paid

- 7 people who work for government departments

- 8 a quick way to achieve a high position in a job

c Complete the sentences with a collocation made from a word from the list + *leave* or *contract*.

compassionate freelance full-time maternity part-time paternity permanent sick temporary unpaid zero-hours

- 1 After his trial period, the company offered my husband a *permanent contract*.
- 2 Lucy has just had a baby, so she's on *maternity leave*.
- 3 Most people with a _____ work for at least 35 hours per week.
- 4 My boss has flu, so he's been on _____ all week.
- 5 Holly only wants a _____ so she can look after her children in the afternoons.
- 6 Being self-employed, I have a _____ with several different employers.
- 7 I've used all my holiday, so I'll have to take _____ if I go to the Champions League final.
- 8 Tom's wife is ill in hospital, so he's on _____.
- 9 The project is only running for three months, so they've given me a _____.
- 10 Eddie and Sienna have got a new baby, so he's taken _____.
- 11 One of the main disadvantages of a _____ is not knowing how much you'll earn from week to week.

d Circle the correct word. Tick (✓) if both words are possible.

- 1 Where I work, there's a good relationship between management and the *staff* / *workforce*. ✓
- 2 We're looking for someone with good people *qualifications* / *skills* to fill this position.
- 3 *Benefits* / *Perks* offered by the company include a car and free meals in the staff canteen.
- 4 We're having a party after work tonight for one of my *colleagues* / *co-workers* who's retiring.
- 5 Daisy's company *fired* / *sacked* her for being late.
- 6 I got a *pay rise* / *promoted* last week, but they won't increase my salary until next year.
- 7 We're looking to *employ* / *hire* somebody with a positive, can-do attitude.
- 8 If they don't offer me more money by the end of the year, I'm going to *quit* / *resign*.
- 9 My husband is *off work* / *out of work* with a bad back at the moment.
- 10 The company has announced that hundreds of employees will be *laid off* / *made redundant*.

2 PRONUNCIATION the rhythm of English

a 1.2 Listen and complete the sentences.

- David _____ is a *speech therapist* and he works _____ for the *health service*.
- He _____ who have _____ to _____.
- It's a _____, and he's got a _____.
- David has to be _____ and _____ with the _____.
- The _____ of the _____ is _____ them _____ from the _____.

b 1.2 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

3 VOCABULARY FROM READING

Complete the **bold** phrases.

- If you're upset, that's **fair** _____ **enough**, but don't blame me for what happened.
- I **never th** _____ **twice** about doing my colleagues a favour – one day I might need something from them.
- My boss **missed the p** _____. I wasn't complaining about my workload; it's my supervisor I've got a problem with.
- Jess says she isn't very fit, but she can **hold her o** _____ in any race.
- I got stuck in a huge traffic jam this morning; I only just **m** _____ **it** to work on time.
- I've had too much time off recently, so I'll have to **keep my n** _____ **to the grindstone** for the next few months.
- The days when I got stage fright **have long g** _____; now the people in the audience feel like my friends.



4 GRAMMAR discourse markers (1): linkers

a Cross out the linker that is **NOT** possible.

- We set off at dawn *owing to* / *in order to* / *so as to* avoid the rush-hour traffic.
- Laila's mother-in-law was a very assertive woman. *However* / *Nevertheless* / *Consequently*, Laila grew to like and respect her.
- In spite of* / *Even though* / *Despite* being the better player, Richard ended up losing the match.
- Sales figures have fallen drastically *due to* / *because* / *owing to* the economic downturn.
- The decorators covered the furniture with sheets *so as not to* / *not to* / *in order not to* splash it with paint.
- After his accident, my brother had to sell his car *as* / *since* / *due to* he couldn't afford the insurance.
- We accept full responsibility for the error and *nevertheless* / *consequently* / *therefore* wish to offer you a full refund.
- I decided to extend my holiday *although* / *in case* / *even though* it meant I would have to ask for some unpaid leave.

b Match the more formal linkers from the list to the **bold** word in the sentences.

although as consequently despite the fact that due to even though in order to nevertheless nonetheless owing to seeing as since so as to therefore yet

- There's little chance that we will change the company director's mind. **However**, it's important that we try. Nevertheless / Nonetheless
- The company is trying to reduce costs, and **so** employees who leave are not being replaced. _____
- I left a message **because** the head of human resources wasn't at her desk. _____
- The project had to be abandoned **because of** a lack of funding. _____
- She arrived early **to** get a good seat. _____
- I knew that my supervisor was angry, **though** she hadn't said anything. _____
- He has a well-paid job, **but** he never seems to have any money. _____

c Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word in brackets.

- 1 We have not received payment for your last bill. Consequently, you are being sent a reminder. (since)
You are being sent a reminder *since we have not received payment for your last bill*
- 2 She wrote down the appointment so that she wouldn't forget it. (so as)
She wrote down the appointment _____
- 3 The motorway is being resurfaced, and so it will be closed until the end of the year. (result)
The motorway is being resurfaced, and _____
- 4 I might be going out, so you'd better take your keys. (in case)
You'd better take your keys _____
- 5 He decided to apply for the job although he didn't meet all the requirements. (despite)
He decided to apply for the job _____
- 6 I had an early night in order to be ready for the exam the next day. (so that)
I had an early night _____
- 7 She was offered the job even though she wasn't able to go to the interview. (spite)
She was offered the job _____
- 8 He was unable to attend the conference because he was ill. (owing)
He was unable to attend the conference _____



d Complete the sentences with a suitable ending.



- 1 We had a great holiday in spite of *the disappointing weather*
- 2 The town centre has been pedestrianized. As a result, _____
- 3 I doubt that Ben will be offered the job, seeing as _____
- 4 I arrived early on my first day of work so as to _____
- 5 All flights have been cancelled owing to _____
- 6 I won't switch my phone off in case _____
- 7 My colleague made a terrible mistake at work, so _____
- 8 She has a very demanding job. However, _____