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Working Conditions

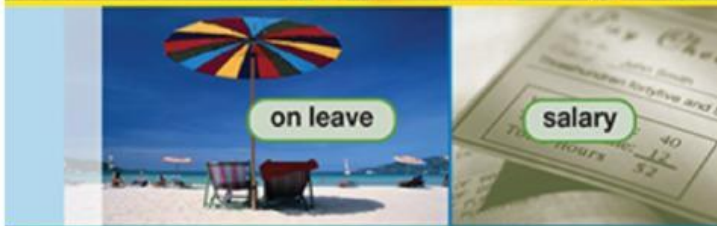


BLACKWELL OIL IS LOOKING FOR HARD-WORKING MEN AND WOMEN TO JOIN ITS TEAM

You'll make a good **salary** working on one of our rigs. Roustabout and roughneck jobs require **manual labor**. Work tasks are **arduous**. As a result, rig workers need to be in good physical shape. Working on a rig can be **hazardous**. In some locations, you'll work in **harsh** weather.

Oil rig jobs are **shift work**. These shifts are usually **12 hours on, 12 hours off**. Workers work for two weeks. Then they go **on leave** for two weeks.

We offer employees **perks** such as paid vacation and **skills training**. We also pride ourselves on having the best on-site **facilities** for our rig workers.



1 What is the purpose of the pamphlet?

- ☐ A to explain weather conditions on a rig
- ☐ B to get people interested in working on a rig
- ☐ C to describe the job perks the company offers
- ☐ D to advertise a training class for employees

2 What is NOT mentioned in the pamphlet?

- ☐ A when workers go on leave
- ☐ B how long a work shift is
- ☐ C what kind of facilities are on site
- ☐ D why rig workers need to be physically fit

3 Which is a perk offered by the company?

- ☐ A shift work
- ☐ B paid time off
- ☐ C a good salary
- ☐ D different work locations

Rig workers need to be in good physical shape because they do

labor and work tasks.

- 1 A roughneck makes a **salary** **perk** of about \$55,000 a year.
- 2 Carrying heavy pipes is **arduous** **harsh** work.
- 3 Employees do **manual labor** **shift work** to ensure operations run continuously.
- 4 Jack just worked ten hours, so now he'll have ten **hours off** **hours on**.
- 5 Rig workers need to have **perks** **skills** working with tools.
- 6 The **facility** **manual labor** was built for the workers to live in.

Word BANK

perks **on leave** **hazardous** **harsh** **manual labor** **hours on**

- 1 Mary is for the next two weeks.
- 2 Workers on offshore rigs in the arctic face weather conditions.
- 3 Greg is in good shape because he does .
- 4 One of the of the job is a company car.
- 5 Workers have twelve and twelve hours off.
- 6 Lightning creates conditions on oil rigs.

 **Listen to a conversation between an interviewer and a job applicant. Mark the following statements as *True* or *False*.**

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- 1 The man is applying for a roughneck position.
- 2 The company has safety classes for workers.
- 3 Workers pay for their own housing and meals.

True	False
True	False
True	False



Listen again and complete the conversation.

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Interviewer: Do you have any questions?

Applicant: Yes. Can you tell me what a roughneck's 1) is like?

Interviewer: They work two weeks on and two 2) .

Applicant: Is the job 3) ?

Interviewer: It is. But we give all workers 4) .

Applicant: One more thing. Are there any 5) ?

Interviewer: You get free 6) . Also, there are lots of opportunities to travel. And the company pays all the expenses.

Applicant: That sounds good to me!