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Just the job

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.

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VOCABULARY

6.1

Jobs • collocations • describing jobs
• phrasal verbs

I can use language related to job descriptions and types of work.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 Complete the names of jobs below with suffixes *-er, -or, -ian, -ist* or *-ant*. Then add three more jobs.

(builder account__ doct__ electric__ flight attend__
hairdress__ shop assist __ swimming instruct __
reception__ scient__ politic__ plumb__)

- 2 **SPEAKING** Complete the table with the jobs in Exercise 1. Then compare your ideas with a partner.

Jobs I would be good at	Jobs I might or might not be good at	Jobs I would not be good at
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What's your worst work experience?

We interviewed four people who run very successful companies. We wanted to find out about the jobs they did before they became their own bosses and we asked them about their worst work experiences.

1

EVA

- **applied for a job** during her school holidays
- **was badly paid**
- **worked long hours**
- didn't enjoy dealing with customers
- almost **got the sack** for offering a customer a bigger size



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MARCUS

- **had a part-time job**
- **was responsible for** washing the machines
- didn't find the job challenging
- **put up with** a horrible smell



- 3 Read about four people's worst work experiences. Match jobs A–D with people 1–4.

- A A postman/postwoman
 B A shop assistant
 C A cleaner in a factory
 D A warehouse assistant

- 4 **3.1** Listen and check your ideas in Exercise 3. Who do you think had the worst work experience?

- 5 **3.1** Answer the questions. Then listen again and check your answers.

- 1 Who is self-employed now and rarely has a day off?
- 2 Who is always nice to people who bring the post?
- 3 Who was motivated to pass some exams and get a better job?
- 4 Who left a summer job because he/she got tired?

- 6 **SPEAKING** Discuss whether you would like to be your own boss. Give reasons for your answers.

3

CHRIS

- worked night shifts
- found the job boring and repetitive
- had to stand for hours
- had two managers who came up with different tasks at the same time



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AMY

- had to get up very early
- couldn't turn up for work one minute late
- worked outdoors
- had to answer difficult questions and found it really stressful

**WORD STORE 6A Collocations**

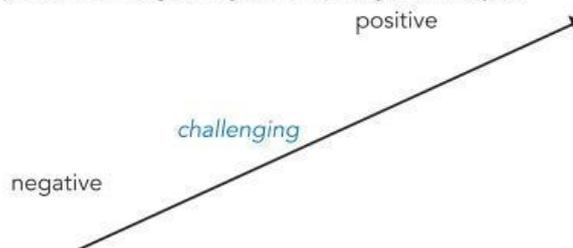
- 7 **3.2** Complete WORD STORE 6A with the words and phrases in red in the text and in Exercise 5. Then listen, check and repeat.
- 8 Complete the statements with an appropriate verb in WORD STORE 6A. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.
- 1 You can _____ self-employed.
 - 2 You generally _____ outdoors.
 - 3 You usually _____ long hours.
 - 4 You sometimes have to _____ night shifts.
 - 5 You _____ responsible for lots of workers.
 - 6 You need a university degree to _____ for this job.

- 9 **SPEAKING** Discuss which statements in Exercise 8 could describe the jobs in Exercise 1.

Well, a lot of builders are self-employed. They generally work outdoors. They start work early, but I don't think they do particularly long hours ...

WORD STORE 6B Describing jobs

- 10 **3.3** Complete WORD STORE 6B with the underlined adjectives in the text. Then listen, check and repeat.
- 11 **SPEAKING** Decide where to put the adjectives in WORD STORE 6B on the line according to how positive or negative you think they are in a job.

**WORD STORE 6C Phrasal verbs**

- 12 **3.4** Complete WORD STORE 6C with the base form of the highlighted phrasal verbs in the text. Then listen, check and repeat.
- 13 **SPEAKING** Choose the correct particle. Then finish the sentences and compare your ideas with a partner.
- In my ideal job ...
- 1 I turn off / up for work at ...
 - 2 My employer only takes on / up people who ...
 - 3 I'm not prepared to put out / up with ...
 - 4 If I come up / into with a good idea, my boss ...
 - 5 Nothing puts me down / off my work except ...