

# 33/Work

## Words you need...



- ▶ **a boss** someone who is in charge of people at work
- ▶ **a career** a job or series of jobs, usually gradually becoming more important
- ▶ **to employ someone** to give someone a job
- ▶ **experience** knowledge that you get from doing a job
- ▶ **a factory** a large building where things are made
- ▶ **to fire someone** to tell someone they must leave their job
- ▶ **a meeting** a time when people come together to discuss something
- ▶ **an office** a room where people in an organization work at desks
- ▶ **a salary** an amount of money that someone is paid each month for their work
- ▶ **staff** the people who work for a company or organization
- ▶ **a team** a group of people who work together
- ▶ **wages** an amount of money that someone is paid each week for their work

### Exercise 1

Complete the sentences (1–4) and match them with the pictures (a–d).



- 1 c My **boss** told me that I should wear more formal clothes for work. I said no, and he \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ I work in a \_\_\_\_\_ where we make car parts. It's hard work, but the \_\_\_\_\_ are good.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Once a week we have a \_\_\_\_\_ where everyone in the sales \_\_\_\_\_ has an opportunity to talk about their work.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ I'm hoping to have a \_\_\_\_\_ in TV, so I'm working for a TV company over the summer to get some \_\_\_\_\_.

### salary or wages?



The word **wages** is used for money that is paid to people once a week, usually for jobs with low pay, especially jobs that use physical effort.

A **salary** is paid once a month, and is used more for people in offices or higher paid jobs.

### Exercise 2

Complete Ted's description of his job. Listen and check.

I have spent most of my <sup>1</sup> career working in the travel business. I now have my own travel company, and I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ more than 20 people. Most of the <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have had a lot of <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of travelling themselves. I can't pay them much, but the work is interesting, and I hope I'm a good <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ – I haven't had to <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ anyone yet!



### Exercise 3

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 I changed jobs to get a [taller/rising/higher] salary.
- 2 I worked for them without wages in order to [catch/get/produce] some experience.
- 3 My brother says he will help me [catch/get/have] a job in his office.
- 4 I'm [starting/employing/getting to] my new job on Monday.
- 5 The wages here are very [small/low/little].
- 6 She hasn't decided whether to [get/take/hold] the job yet.