

Accounting & Career Risk Idioms

Fill in the gaps using the correct idiom from the audio.

I work in accounting, and recently I've been thinking quite seriously about changing my job. The difficulty is that the economic situation in the UK is uncertain, and many businesses are trying to reduce costs, freeze recruitment or reorganise their finance teams. Because of that, part of me thinks I should (1) _____ and stay in my current position until the job market becomes more stable.

At the same time, I'm concerned about the growing use of artificial intelligence and automation in accounting. AI can already help process invoices, categorise expenses, check transactions, prepare reports and identify unusual financial activity. If I ignore these changes and continue working in exactly the same way, I could be (2) _____, because some routine accounting tasks may become increasingly automated.

If I leave my current job before finding another one, I (3) _____ of being unemployed for several months, especially if companies continue cutting costs or reducing the number of junior and administrative finance roles. For that reason, I think it makes more sense to (4) _____, continue doing my job properly and develop stronger skills in areas that are harder to automate, such as financial analysis, business partnering, tax, forecasting and strategic decision-making.

I don't think the economy or the accounting job market is completely (5) _____ yet, so resigning without a clear plan would probably be too risky. Instead, I could (6) _____ by applying for more senior roles or positions that involve more analysis and commercial responsibility while I am still employed.

If I receive a good written offer, agree the salary and have a confirmed start date, then I'll know (7) _____ and I can leave my current job with much more confidence. Until then, I need to (8) _____, avoid making an impulsive decision and think carefully about how accounting is likely to change over the next few years.