

STAGES IN CAREER. 8TH. UNIT 3.

Task 1. Complete the texts using the given verbs in the correct form.

work go borrow apply look after get find take set up
go back



“ I did a full-time course in tourism for three years. After graduating I ¹ _____ for several jobs before I was offered one in a travel agency. I liked the job as I ² _____ a lot of useful work experience and I had the opportunity to travel a lot. After five years I decided to ³ _____ my own travel company aimed at budget travel for young people. I ⁴ _____ a lot of money from the bank and everyone thought I was crazy to begin with, but now my business is successful and I’m my own boss. I think you have to ⁵ _____ a risk if you want to be successful.”

“ I’ve just ⁶ _____ to work again now my children are seven and three years old. I used to ⁷ _____ as an accountant for a large company in London. I liked the work and the pay was good, but when we decided to start a family I knew that I had to make a choice. I know a lot of women who ⁸ _____ back to work soon after they have a baby but I wanted to ⁹ _____ my children myself. I think it was the right decision for me and now I’ve ¹⁰ _____ a new job quite easily.”



Task 2. Complete the sentences using gerund (-ing) or infinitive (to).

It's easy to get (get) to our house.
Just turn left after the swimming pool.

- 1 Instead of _____ (take) a taxi, why don't you get a bus? It would be much cheaper.
- 2 It was really difficult _____ (hear) what he was saying because of the noise.
- 3 It's not safe _____ (walk) home alone at night in this area.
- 4 I'm not ready _____ (go) yet. Can you wait for me?
- 5 Don't make a decision without _____ (speak) to me about it first.

- 6 I thought about _____ (go) to university but then decided to take a year off first.
- 7 I found it really hard _____ (get) a job when I left school.
- 8 He took a year off before _____ (start) university.
- 9 She wasn't happy about _____ (work) in London, but she couldn't get a job in Manchester.
- 10 It's very difficult _____ (understand) someone who speaks too fast.

When I was at secondary school, I went to all the **lessons** and **did** my **homework**, but I didn't **work** very **hard**. So, when I **took exams** at 16, my **results** weren't fantastic. I **passed** six, which was good, but I **failed** maths. My **worst** result was physics – I got a **grade E**, which was terrible. After that, I went to a sixth form college where I worked hard and **did well**. I passed all my exams at 18 and went to university. That's where I am now.



Glossary

lesson a period of time (about an hour) in school when you are learning something

do homework to do work the teacher has given you to do at home (NOT homeworks)

work hard work a lot

result what you get in an exam, e.g. 80%, A, or 8/10

(the) worst superlative of bad OPP **(the) best** superlative of good

grade you get a **grade** (e.g. A or B) or a **mark** (e.g. 15/20) in an exam

do well be good at something and get better at it OPP **do badly**

spotlight exam (examination)

An **exam** is an important test at the end of a period of study.

take an exam = sit down and write your answers in the exam

pass an exam = take an exam and do well, e.g. grade A or 85%

fail an exam = take an exam and do badly, e.g. grade D or 35%

Task 3. Look at Rafael's exam results on the right and complete the answers to the questions.

- How many exams did he take? 7
- 1 Did he take an exam in chemistry? _____
- 2 How many did he pass? _____
- 3 How many did he fail? _____
- 4 What was his best grade? _____
- 5 What was his worst grade? _____
- 6 What did he get in English? _____

Exam	Grade	A, B, C – pass D, E – fail
French	B	
IT	C	
Geography	D	
Biology	A	
English	C	
History	B	
Maths	E	

Task 4. Complete the sentences.

- Six out of ten isn't a very good mark .
- I have to _____ an English exam tomorrow.
 - Did you _____ your homework last night?
 - Paula did very _____ in her German exam; she got a _____ A.
 - I got my exam _____ yesterday. I passed all of them.
 - Andre is very unhappy at the moment. He's doing _____ at school, and last week he _____ an important maths exam.
 - Maths is my _____ subject. I'm terrible at it.

	Degree subject	Person
1	medicine	a doctor
2	psychology	a psychologist
3	economics	an economist
4	law	a lawyer
5	politics	a politician
6	engineering	an engineer
7	architecture	an architect
8	computer science	an IT manager a software engineer
9	journalism	a journalist a reporter
10	business studies	a businessman/woman a manager



Task 5. Complete the sentences. Use the degree subject on the right to help you.

- He always wanted to be a lawyer .
- She wants to be a _____ .
 - When did he become an _____ ?
 - She's studying to become an _____ .
 - Why does he want to be a _____ ?
 - She works as an _____ .
 - I don't know anyone who wants to be a _____ .
 - Is it difficult to become a _____ ?
 - I knew he'd become a _____ .

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Word	Example	Meaning
self-employed	Are you self-employed ?	working for yourself, not for a company
unemployed	I'm unemployed , but I'm looking for a job.	with no job, but wanting to work
retired	My grandfather is retired now.	= My grandfather has stopped work because he is over 65.
housewife OR househusband	She's a housewife now, but she was a lawyer.	a woman or a man who looks after the house and family and doesn't go out to work
boss	Who's the boss in this company?	a person who tells people what to do in their jobs

Task 6. Choose the correct answer.

► The most important person in the company is the **boss**/hairdresser.

- 1 A **police officer**/vet works with dogs and cats.
- 2 A **shop assistant**/dentist sells things.
- 3 A **housewife**/nurse works in a hospital.
- 4 Retired people are usually **young**/old.
- 5 An unemployed person **has**/hasn't got a job.
- 6 A **businesswoman**/soldier can be self-employed.
- 7 A businessman usually has a **secretary**/househusband.
- 8 A **pilot**/dentist looks after people's teeth.
- 9 A **lorry driver**/chef works in a kitchen.
- 0 A **builder**/cleaner works outdoors a lot.

Where does he work?

He works in ... an office



a factory



a hospital



Who does she work for?

She works for

a car **company**, e.g. Toyota
an **airline**, e.g. Cathay Pacific

What hours does he work?

He's got

a **full-time** job, e.g. 40 hours **a week**
a **part-time** job, e.g. 15 hours a week

He works

long hours, e.g. 12 hours **a day**
from nine to five

How much does she earn?

She **earns** a lot. Her **salary** is \$80,000 **a year**.

He **doesn't earn** very much. He gets **low wages**.

Glossary

earn receive money for the work that you do

salary money you receive every month for the work that you do

wages money you receive every week for the work that you do

low If you earn **low wages**, you earn less than is normal.

opp **high**

Task 7. Complete the sentences with words and expressions in the box.

office an American airline she work hours a day work for
long hours ✓ earn much job ten to six a factory does he earn

- He works long hours . 6 Where does _____ ?
1 She works ten _____ . 7 She works for _____ .
2 I work in _____ . 8 She doesn't _____ .
3 He works in an _____ ? 9 It's a full-time _____ .
4 Who do you _____ ? 10 I work from _____ .
5 How much _____ ?

Task 8. Complete the text with missing information.

My sister's a nurse in our local ► hospital . She only works (1) _____ -time
– about 15 hours (2) _____ week – and she doesn't (3) _____ much money.
Nurses in our country generally get (4) _____ wages. Her husband is a doctor, and he
works very long (5) _____ – sometimes 14 hours a (6) _____ . He earns
about \$90,000 a (7) _____ which is a very high (8) _____ in our country.

Feedback. Answer the questions about the work you have done.

- a) Were the tasks difficult/interesting/ easy/ ... ? _____
b) Which task/s was/were difficult and why? _____
c) What did I learn while completing the tasks? _____

d) What mark would you give yourself and why? _____

Thanks for your honesty!

Yours OP

