

Global View - Job Hunting (C0195)

A: Woo hoo! This just might be the start of the rest of my life!

B: What happened?

A: I'm in the market for a job! I went on a website with hundreds of job listings in the area and browsed through them until I got the names of a few employers I would like to work for. I have the resume I wrote for English class last month and a cover letter will be a piece of cake to write. I've even done my research and found the names of the managers so I can address the letters personally. And you know I can be charming in interviews. Goodbye my penniless days! Hello salary and a career!

B: Ben, we're fifteen. What kind of job are you looking for?

A: Oh, just for a position as a gas station attendant. You know, starting at a simple lowly job, just like all the greats before they made it big in the world.

B: Uh-huh.

A: But I'm just in it for the money, right? How else am I going to be able to afford to keep taking Angela to the movies? Besides, I love the smell of gasoline, don't you?

Key Vocabulary

manager	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	person who manages an organization or company
charming	<i>Adjective</i>		delightful; pleasant; attractive
interview	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a conversation with or questioning of a person
penniless	<i>Adjective</i>		very poor; almost totally without money
salary	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	money paid by the employer each month
career	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	profession that someone does for a long time
position	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	job, occupation

gas station	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	place where gasoline is sold
attendant	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a person employed to provide a service
lowly	<i>Adjective</i>		humble or low in position
greats	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	person with importance or distinction in their field
uh-huh	<i>Interjection</i>		a less emphatic variant of yes
gasoline	<i>common non-variable</i>	<i>noun,</i>	petroleum fuel
browse	<i>principle past simple</i>	<i>verb,</i>	to search for and read hypertext
employer	<i>common plural</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a person or firm who employs
resume	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a summary of your academic and work history

address	<i>principle verb, present simple</i>	to direct a speech or written statement to someone
job listing	<i>phrase</i>	database containing an ordered array of job items
a piece of cake	<i>phrase</i>	something is easily to be done
make it big	<i>phrase</i>	make a great success
in the market	<i>phrase</i>	be interested in buying
woo hoo	<i>Interjection</i>	exclamation of excite- ment

Supplementary Vocabulary

Headhunter	<i>common noun, singular</i>	an employment re- cruiter, sometimes referred to as executive search.
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Job Agency	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	A company that helps both employers and job applicants find a position.
CV	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	Curriculum Vitae; a summary of academic and professional history and achievements
No Brainer	<i>phrase</i>		something that is easy or not challenging
Easy As Pie	<i>phrase</i>		something that is easy or not challenging