

## 1 Adjectives describing a job

Match sentences 1–6 with A–F.

- 1 My job is very **challenging**. **D**
- 2 I'm a cashier in a supermarket. I quite enjoy my job, but it can be a bit **monotonous / repetitive**. **B**
- 3 I'm a primary school teacher. I think working with young children is very **rewarding**. **F**
- 4 I work in a small graphic design company, and I find my job really **motivating**. **C**
- 5 Being a surgeon is very **demanding**. **E**
- 6 I work in the Passport Office. My job is incredibly **tedious**. **A**

- A Everything takes a long time and it's boring.
- B I have to do exactly the same thing every day.
- C It makes me happy because I think it's useful and
- D It tests my abilities and keeps me motivated.
- E It's very high pressure, requires a lot of skill and you have to work long hours.
- F The kind of work I do and the people I work with make me want to work harder / do better.

## 2 Nouns that are often confused

Complete the noun column with the best word from each group. Sometimes you need to use a word twice.

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| <b>career / post / profession</b>  |                       |
| 1 My sister has applied for the _____ of head of human resources at a multinational company based in Berlin.                   | <b>post</b>           |
| 2 Nursing is a rewarding _____, but one which is not usually very highly paid.   | <b>profession</b>     |
| 3 It's difficult for a woman to have a successful _____ and bring up young children at the same time.                          | <b>career</b>         |
| <b>wages / salary / bonus / perks</b>  |                       |
| 4 The _____ (informal The money) isn't fantastic – about 20,000 a year but the work is rewarding.                              | <b>salary</b>         |
| 5 I'm a waiter and I get paid every Friday. The _____ aren't very high but you can earn a lot in tips if you do your job well. | <b>wages</b>          |
| 6 The company made a huge profit this year and so all the staff were given a _____   | <b>bonus</b>          |
| 7 One of the _____ (formal benefits) of this job is that I get free health insurance.  | <b>perks</b>          |
| <b>staff / employer / employee</b>   |                       |
| 8 The company has a _____ of nearly 600 _____  | <b>employees</b>      |
| 9 I wouldn't describe the factory owner as a very generous _____   | <b>employer</b>       |
| 10 It's a great hotel and the _____ are very friendly.   | <b>staff</b>          |
| <b>skills / training / qualifications</b>  |                       |
| 11 All the managers were sent on a three-week _____ course.  | <b>training</b>       |
| 12 He left school without any _____ at all. He failed all his exams.   | <b>qualifications</b> |
| 13 There are certain _____ you need to be a web designer, for example you need to be able to use words effectively.            | <b>skills</b>         |
| <b>hours / timetable</b>   |                       |
| 14 A What _____ do you work? B It depends on the day but usually 8.30 to 6.00.   | <b>hours</b>          |
| 15 My husband is a university lecturer and he has a very easy _____ – he only has eight classes a week.                        | <b>timetable</b>      |

## 3 Collocations

Complete the phrases with the missing words.

- 1 I'm a manager. I'm **in charge** of the sales department. I have to **deal** with some very difficult clients. I'm also **responsible** for publicity. I'm **overworking** at the moment. I'm **on maternity leave**.
- 2 I'm part of a **team**. I always work with other people. I **have** the **opportunity** to travel, which is something I appreciate. I **have** good **prospects** in this job. I think I can go far. I'm hoping to **get promoted** to head of department next year.
- 3 I'm hoping to **get a rise**. I think my salary is very low. It's a **temporary job** – I'm only **on a short-term contract**, so I **have no job security**.
- 4 I **was sacked / fired from** my last job. My boss didn't like the way I worked. Now I'm **self-employed**. I **run** my own business and I'm much happier. I only **work part-time**, from 10.00 to 2.00, and in the afternoon I'm doing an Open University course.
- 5 I **was made redundant**. There were too many people in the company so I **had to be made redundant**. I've been **out of work** for three months now. I'm trying to find a job soon. Some people **volunteer** at the local community centre. I'm **getting some more experience**.

Can you remember the words on this page?

Test yourself or a partner.

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