

### Vocabulary Training: Unit 4 - Trends at Work

#### Part 1: Modern Employment Terms

Match the term to its definition:

1. \*\*Emerging economy\*\* -> A nation's economy that is progressing toward becoming advanced.
2. \*\*To offshore\*\* -> Moving a business process to another country.
3. \*\*Zero-hour contract\*\* -> An agreement where the employer is not obliged to provide any minimum working hours.
4. \*\*Glass ceiling\*\* -> An unofficial barrier to advancement in a profession, especially affecting women/minorities.
5. \*\*Labour shortage\*\* -> When there are not enough people available to work.
6. \*\*Collective bargaining\*\* -> Negotiation of wages and other conditions of employment by an organized body of employees.

#### Part 2: Collocations

1. shift \*\*work\*\*
2. to \*\*relocate\*\* operations
3. to \*\*recruit\*\* staff
4. immensely \*\*valuable\*\*
5. flexible \*\*working hours\*\*

#### Part 3: Reading Analysis - "Balanced vs. Merged Lifestyles"

- \* \*\*Balanced:\*\* Sees work and private life as separate opposites.
- \* \*\*Merged:\*\* Reconciles demands; switches seamlessly between work and life (facilitated by technology).
- \* \*\*Impact:\*\* Lines are blurred; can lead to longer, more hectic days without a clear end to the workday.

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#### Answer Key

- \* \*\*Part 1:\*\* 1-Emerging, 2-Offshore, 3-Zero-hour, 4-Glass ceiling, 5-Labour shortage, 6-Collective bargaining.
- \* \*\*Part 2:\*\* 1. work, 2. relocate, 3. recruit, 4. valuable, 5. working hours.