

# 07 Talking about jobs

English uses the words "job" and "work" in a variety of contexts to talk about different professions, working conditions, and career paths.

⚙️ **New language** "Job" and "work"

Aa **Vocabulary** Jobs and professions

🧩 **New skill** Talking about your career

## 7.1 VOCABULARY JOBS



architect



electrician



musician



flight attendant



firefighter



travel agent



mechanic



fashion designer



hairdresser



plumber



surgeon



pilot



butcher



journalist



vet



writer



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## 7.2 READ THE JOB ADVERTISEMENTS AND WRITE THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS NEXT TO THEIR DEFINITIONS

### JOB LISTINGS

**URGENTLY WANTED:** **Trainee** hairdresser, 30 hours per week, divided between **part-time** work in the salon and part-time work at our Hair Academy.

**SPORTS JOURNALIST NEEDED:** Attractive **salary** of \$40,000 per year, and generous **annual vacation**. This position is **full-time**.

**PART-TIME BUTCHER NEEDED FOR BUSY LOCAL SHOP!** We offer a competitive **wage** of \$15 per hour and the possibility of **overtime** work for the right candidate.

**ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE** is looking for an **intern** for six months. No salary is offered, but the position may lead to a full-time job.

**FIREFIGHTERS REQUIRED URGENTLY.** Are you fit and healthy? Happy to work an eight-hour **shift**? Apply online with your CV now.

Someone who is learning a job.

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*trainee*

- 1 Work in addition to your set hours.
- 2 Describes a complete working week.
- 3 Someone who does unpaid work to gain experience.
- 4 A period of work of a set number of hours.
- 5 A fixed amount of money paid per year, often monthly.
- 6 Describes an incomplete working week.
- 7 A fixed number of days off work per year.
- 8 A fixed amount of money paid per hour, often weekly.

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## 7.3 REWRITE THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

*trainee*

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Cox,

I am very excited to hear that your company needs a **traineee** architect. I worked as an **intenn** at an architecture firm last year, and believe that I have the skills and experience needed for this job. I am happy to work **overhours**, and would expect a **wage** of \$30,000 per year. I am ideally looking for **fulltime** work, but would also be willing to consider a **half-time** job.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Adams

## 7.4 KEY LANGUAGE "JOB" OR "WORK"

The words "job" and "work" are commonly confused in English.

I enjoy my **job**.

"Job" can only be a noun.  
It cannot be a verb.

I enjoy my **work**.  
I **work** in an office.

It can also be a verb.



I'm looking for a **job**.

"Job" is used for a specific role.  
It is a countable noun.

I have so much **work** to do.

"Work" is uncountable,  
and used for general activities.

I start **work** at 9 o'clock.

English uses "work" to talk about working hours and travel.

I get to **work** by bus.



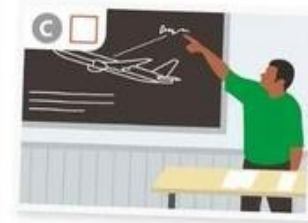
## 7.5 FILL IN THE GAPS WITH "JOB" OR "WORK"

I am looking for a new job.

- 1 This is really hard \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I can't come as I have to \_\_\_\_\_ late.
- 3 It is a difficult \_\_\_\_\_, but I love it!
- 4 It took me years to find a \_\_\_\_\_ I love.
- 5 I have a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to finish.
- 6 I really want to \_\_\_\_\_ in marketing.
- 7 I have a part-time \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Do you get to \_\_\_\_\_ by car or train?
- 9 What time do you finish \_\_\_\_\_?
- 10 Tyler wants to leave his \_\_\_\_\_.



## 7.6 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED





## BUSINESS TODAY

## TWO CAREERS

Teacher Selim Hussain and financial consultant Josie MacDonald talk to Joan Riddon about their career paths since finishing their studies.

SELIM: After I completed my advanced studies in nursing, I worked in teaching hospitals and enjoyed a fabulously interesting **career**. At 32 I had a very demanding role in emergency medicine.

Once I became a father and there were some extra stresses at work, it became too much and I decided to **resign**, despite loving the work. I was lucky because one of my old professors contacted me and I

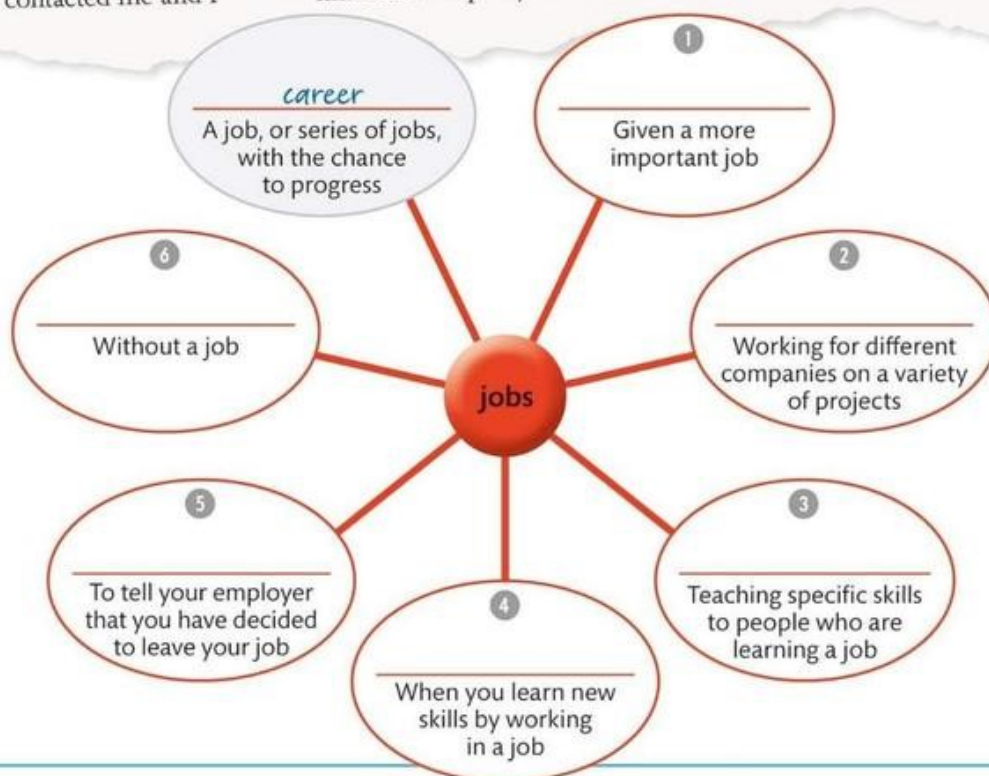
began teaching part-time. **Training** nurses is the best job in the world!

JOSIE: My first job was as a financial assistant. This was great **experience** and it helped me get a job as a corporate banker. I always met my targets, so I was quickly **promoted** and rewarded with large pay raises. I was quite wealthy by the time I was 35.

Then came the worldwide financial slump. My bank lost money



and many highly paid executives lost their jobs, including me. I was now **unemployed** for the first time in my working life. I worked **freelance**, as a consultant, and then opened my own consultancy, which now employs 50 staff.



## 07 CHECKLIST

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🧩 Talking about your career ☐