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Dylan: ['dilən]

Yvonne: [ɪ'vɒn]

Dylan: Here.   
  
Yvonne: What’s this?   
  
Dylan: It’s information about a job-training program. It’ll give you the skills you need to get **steady work**.   
**steady work:** the work you can rely on，如一周40小时的工作。

steady和stable有什么区别？

**opposite**：season work, temporary work

Jeff举了演员和在电视台工作的例子。

Yvonne: I don’t need that. I **get by** with the **wages** I earn from this job.   
**get by:** 勉强过得去，用来支付食物，房租，衣服。不指通过它来变得富有。

**wage:** 按小时支付的工资，一般工资较低，有加班费。

**salary:** 按月支付的工资。

Dylan: You’re in a **dead- end job straining to make ends meet** every month.

**dead- end job:** 没前途的工作。 **straining:** try very hard

**make ends meet:** 和get by同义。

Yvonne: I’ve always **landed on my feet**.   
**landed on my feet:** 字面意思是脚着地:猫从树上跳下来，通过调整身体，会脚先着地。指经历了困难，最后化险为夷。Jeff提了头先着地。

Dylan: But you don’t have any **job security**. You could be out on your ear any minute. Don’t you want a better **quality of life**?

**job security：**未来拥有工作的自信。工作保障。

**be out on your ear:** to lose your job. ear是指什么？

Yvonne: My life is fine the way it is. I may not be able **to hold on to** this job for long, but there will always be other ones.

**My life is fine the way it is**: My life is OK the way I'm living now.

**hold on:** keep  
  
Dylan: I wish I had your **optimism**. To hear you speak, you’d think you were one of the **privileged few**.   
**optimism:** opposite: pessimism

**privileged few:** 少数享有特权的人（富人），one percent

Yvonne: It’s all in your **outlook** on life. I don’t have **mortgages** to pay, cars to maintain, **jets** to fuel, and employees to support.

**outlook**：the way you look at the world，世界观。

**mortgages**: t不发音

以上四种都是burden。

employer是employee的sponsor。  
  
Dylan: You’re right. You should be **counting your blessings**!

**counting your blessings:** 心怀感激。