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Where are the jobs for new graduates?

I'm a graduate, two years out of university, and I am struggling to (1)hold down a regular job. I did briefly have a junior management position in a well-known bank, but it was (2)bought out by another bank and the first thing they did was (3)cut back on the workforce - and I was one of the casualties. After I was (4)laid off, jobs have been few and far between. Nobody in the banking sector is (5)taking on new employees, so I have been reduced to accepting casual work with zero-hour contracts. Sometimes, I (6)turn up for work only to be sent home. At other times, I find myself doing shifts of up to 14 hours, 4 or 5 days a week, often including weekends, which leave me (7)burnt out and stressed. Any advice on how to get back into regular work would be most welcome!

Manager from hell

My problem is that I have an awful line manager. She has no idea what she is doing and so as well as (8)carrying out my duties and responsibilities, I (9)end up (10)sorting out most of her problems too. Don't get me wrong. I don't mind (11)helping out any of my colleagues from time to time, but I'm not getting paid to do her job. As a result, I find myself staying behind most days just to get through the heavy workload, sometimes (12)working on until 7 or 8 pm. If I don't (13)get through everything, she makes me feel like I have (14)let the company down. Meanwhile, she goes home on time every day and takes all the credit for the work that I am doing for her. I can't (15)carry on like this. I'm worried things will get worse down the line. Should I speak to HR or one of the other senior managers and tell them what is going on?

(1) Read the posts on the recruitment website and decide what the highlighted multi-word verbs mean.

(2) Try to rephrase the sentences with the highlighted words using suitable synonyms.

(3) What advice would you give to the authors of the two posts on the JobfinderUK website? Write two replies based on your own professional experience.

Idiomatic expressions with the word LINE

Match the idioms in the sentences (1-10) with their meaning (A-J)

1. I would like to be in the military but not **on the front line** - I'd be too scared.
2. You shouldn't have spoken to him like that - you were **out of line!**
3. With the current economic climate, I can't afford to put my job **on the line**.
4. Well, it doesn't say that our branch will close but **reading through the lines**, I think it's a possibility.
5. **The bottom line** is she's the boss, so we can't ignore her orders.
6. The government has decided to **take a hard line** with the rail strikers.
7. However hard I try, I just can't follow his **line of reasoning**. It doesn't make sense to me.
8. I think the launch party should be something **along the lines of** what we did in 2019.
9. I'm willing to do anything to get a new job, but I **draw the line** at lying on my CV.
10. These are the new office regulations, I suppose we'll have to **toe the line** if we want to avoid any trouble.

A. at risk	B. thought process	C. close to the enemy position	D. demonstrate unacceptable behaviour	E. infer meaning
F. do what is expected	G. the most important fact	H. similar to	I. reach a point where something becomes unacceptable	J. adopt a strict approach