

Work and business

Topic vocabulary in contrast

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employer / employee / staff	wage(s) / salary / pay	overtime / promotion / pension
job / work / career	commute / deliver	company / firm / business
earn / win / gain	retire / resign	union / charity
raise / rise	fire / sack / make redundant	

Phrasal verbs

back out decide not to do sth you agreed to do	set up start (a business, organisation, etc)	
bring out produce and start to sell a new product	slow down decrease speed	
close down stop operating (for companies)	speed up increase speed	
see through (to) continue (or help to continue) to the end of sth unpleasant or difficult	stand in for do sb's job for them while they are not available	
see to deal with	take on start to employ; accept (work or responsibility)	
set to start doing sth in a determined or enthusiastic way	take over take control of (a business, etc)	
set out start working on sth in order to achieve an aim	turn down not accept (an offer, request, etc)	

Phrases and collocations

agreement	come to/reach (an) agreement (on/about sth); in agreement (on/about/with) sth	
arrangement	make an arrangement (with/for sb) (to do); have an arrangement (with sb) (to do)	
business	do business (with sb); in business; go somewhere on business; business trip; small business; big business	
complaint	have/make a complaint (about sth) (to sb); letter of complaint (to sb) (about sth)	
day	have/take/get a day off; day job; day trip; day by day; the other/next day	
decision	make/take a decision (to do sth); come to/reach/make a decision (about sth)	
duty	do one's duty; a sense of duty; on/off duty; have a duty to sb/to do	
effort	make an effort (to do); put effort into sth/doing	
experience	have an experience; have/gain/get experience in/of sth/doing; experienced in/at sth/doing	
hold	put/keep sb on hold; hold on (to sth); hold sth	
interest	have/take/express an interest in sth/doing; in your interest to do; earn/get/pay interest	
interview	have/go to/attend an interview; job interview	
job	do a job; have a job (to do); apply for a job; take/get a job; in a job	
work	do some work; have work to do; go to work; at work; work hard; out of work; place of work	

Word patterns

absent from sth	good for sb (to do sth); good at sth/doing; good to sb	
apply for sth; apply in writing	qualify as/in sth	
attach sth to sth; attached to sth	responsible for sth/doing	
begin doing/to do/sth; begin by doing	specialise in sth/doing	
depend on sth/sb	train to do	
experienced in/at sth/doing	work as/at/in sth; work for sb	

Word formation

add added, addition, additional(ly)	help (un)helpful(ly), helpless(ly), helping, helper	profession (un)professional(ly)	
apply (in) applicable, applied, applicant, application	industry industrial(ly), industrious(ly)	qualify (un)qualified, qualifying, qualification	
commerce commercial(ly)	machine machinery	responsible irresponsible, (ir) responsibly, (ir) responsibility	
dedicate dedicated, dedication	manage managing, management, manager	supervise supervision, supervisor	
effect (in)effective(ly)	meet met, meeting	work working, (un) workable, worker, works	
employ (un)employed, (un)employable, (un)employment, employer, employee			