Vocabulary II

Describing jobs

1. Read the following adjectives to describe a job and place them in the correct box:

challenging	stressful	interesting	rewarding	temporary
full-time	permanent	part-time	demanding	outdoor
indoor	remote	onsite	skilled	tedious
unusual	well-paid	badly paid	repetitive	varied

Positive adjectives		Negative adjectives
challenging tedious		unusual
full-time skilled		part-time
indoor rewarding		stressful
permanent outdoor		badly paid
romote varied		repetitive
well-paid		temporary
interesting		
onsite		
demanding		

2. People at work. Read the following adjectives that describe people at work and match the opposites:

efficient	productive	committed	hard-working	tireless
organised	obedient	agile	ambitious	caring
autonomous	creative	easy-going	energetic	leader
passionate	punctual	skilled	talented	witty
incompetent	unproductive	disloyal	lazy	inactive
disorganised	disobedient	slow	unenthusiastic	uncaring
dependent	uncreative	intolerant	dull	follower
indifferent	unpunctual	unskilled	inept	serious
productive	loyal			

productive → unproductive		puntual	unpuctual	agile	slow
committed	intolerant	indifferent	serious	easy-going	hard-working
organised	disorganised	leader	follower	skilled	unskilled
autonomous	dependent	obedient	disobedient	energetic	inactive
passionate	unenthusiastic	creative	uncreative	efficient	ambitious
talented	inept	loyal	disloyal	caring	uncaring
lazy	tireless	incompetent	productive	witty	dull

➡ Do you know the meaning of all these words? Look them up in the dictionary with your partner.

3. **Common jobs.** Match the jobs and pictures below.

| secretary | engineer | worker | driver | manager | delivery person |

a) Delivery person

b) Worker

c) Secretary

d) Driver

e) Enginner

f) Manager

4. Write a brief description for each of the jobs listed above using the vocabulary learnt in this unit:

You can use the following structure:

A _____ should be _____

For example: *A secretary should be organised and responsible.*

A delivery person should be organised and puntual

A worker should be obedient and follower

The enginner should be hard working and should do creative jobs

The manager should be productive and efficient

The driver should be skiller

5. What kind of job do you wish to apply for after completing this course? Name the most important qualities for that job.
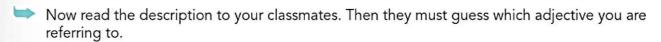
Java programmer

Next, compare your answers with those of your partner. Do you need to have the same qualities? Why/Why not?

6. Match the adjectives below with their definition:

ambitious	punctual	committed	energetic	talented

a) commited	Someone dedicated to their job and completely loyal to the company.
b) punctual	Someone who is always on time.
c) ambitious	Someone who wants to achieve success, power, or wealth.
d) talented	Someone who has a natural ability or skill.
e) energetic	Someone who shows a lot of energy at work.

7. Now it's your turn! Define three more adjectives following the structure above.

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➡ Now read the description to your classmates. Then they must guess which adjective you are referring to.

8. **Word building.** Fill in each blank with a noun made from the adjectives in parentheses.

a) He's got a real _____talented_____. He can solve any sort of problem. (talented)

b) _____Punctually_____ is one of his virtues. He has never arrived late. (punctual)

c) Tom always has so much _____energic_____. I have never seen him tired! (energetic)

d) Her _____ambition_____ has always been to be president of the company. (ambitious)

e) Mary's _____committed_____ to her work is beyond question. (committed)

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