

1 ADJECTIVES DESCRIBING A JOB

Match sentences 1–6 with A–F.

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| 1 My job is very challenging . | A Everything takes a long time and it's boring. |
| 2 I'm a cashier in a supermarket. I really enjoy my job, but it can be a little monotonous / repetitive . | B I have to do exactly the same thing every day. |
| 3 I'm an elementary school teacher. I think working with young children is very rewarding . | C It makes me happy because I think it's useful and important. |
| 4 I work in a small graphic design company, and I think my job is really motivating . | D It tests my abilities in a way that keeps me interested. |
| 5 Being a surgeon is very demanding . | E It's very high pressure, requires a lot of skill, and you have to work long hours. |
| 6 I work at an accounting firm. My job is incredibly tedious . | F The kind of work I do and the people I work with make me want to work harder / do better. |

2 NOUNS THAT ARE OFTEN CONFUSED

Complete the noun column with the best word from each group. Sometimes you need to use a word twice.

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| career / position / profession | | |
| 1 My sister has applied for the _____ of head of human resources at a multinational company based in Seoul. | | _____ |
| 2 Nursing is a rewarding _____, but one that is not usually very highly paid. | | _____ |
| 3 It's difficult for a woman to have a successful _____ and bring up young children at the same time. | | _____ |
| wage / salary / bonus / perks | | |
| 4 The _____ (<i>informal</i> The money) isn't fantastic — about 20,000 dollars a year — but the work is rewarding. | | _____ |
| 5 I'm a waiter and I get paid every Friday. The hourly _____ isn't very high but I can earn a lot from tips if I do my job well. | | _____ |
| 6 The company made a huge profit this year and so all the employees were given a _____. | | _____ |
| 7 One of the _____ (<i>formal</i> benefits) of this job is that I get free health insurance. | | _____ |
| staff / employer / employees | | |
| 8 The company has a _____ of nearly 600 _____. | | _____, _____ |
| 9 I wouldn't describe the factory owner as a very generous _____. | | _____ |
| 10 It's a great hotel and the _____ is very friendly. | | _____ |
| skills / training / qualifications | | |
| 11 All the managers were sent on a three-week _____ course. | | _____ |
| 12 He left school without any _____ at all. He failed all his tests. | | _____ |
| 13 There are certain _____ you need to be a web designer. For example, you need to be able to use words effectively. | | _____ |

3 COLLOCATIONS

Complete the phrases with the missing words.

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| 1 I'm a manager. I'm in ch_____ of the sales department. I have to d_____ with some very difficult clients. I'm also res_____ for publicity. I'm o_____ work at the moment. I'm on maternity leave. | 3 I'm hoping to get a r_____. I think my salary is very low. It's a temp_____ job — I'm only on a short-t_____ contract, so I have no job sec_____. | 5 I was laid o_____. There were too many workers and the company was losing money. I've been o_____ of work for three months now, and my job p_____ aren't great. I've been doing some vol_____ work at the local community center. It's un_____, but at least I'm getting some more work exp_____. |
| 2 I'm part of a t_____. I always work with other people. I have the opp_____ to travel, which is something I appreciate. I have good opportunities for ad_____ in this job. I think I can go far. I'm hoping to get pr_____ to senior manager next year. | 4 I was f_____ from my last job. My boss didn't like the way I worked. Now I'm self-employed. I r_____ my own business and I'm much happier. I only work p_____ -t_____, from 10:00 to 2:00, and in the afternoon I'm taking a continuing education course. | |

Can you remember the words on this page?
Test yourself or a partner.

