



PART 1 – Work



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-to perform work or fulfill duties regularly for wages or salary

VOCABULARY & IDEAS	SAMPLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to be called for an interview: to be invited to attend an interview • to be your own boss: to have your own business • a dead-end job: a job with no promotional opportunities • to do a job-share: to share the weekly hours of work with another person • a good team player: somebody who can work well with other people • full-time: the number of hours that people usually work in a complete week • a heavy workload: to have a lot of work to do • a high-powered job: an important or powerful job • holiday entitlement: the number of days holiday allowed • job satisfaction: the feeling of enjoying a job • manual work: work that requires physical activity • maternity leave: time off work given to a woman about to have a baby • to meet a deadline: to finish a job by an agreed time • a nine-to-five job: a normal job that consists of an 8 hour day 	<p><u>SOURCE:</u></p> <p>1. What do you do? / What is your job? I do a job-share with a friend in a boutique ... I enjoy it ... I like working with customers ... unfortunately it's only temporary work but one of the perks of the job is I get a discount on the clothes ...</p> <p>2. Do you have any career plans yet? Yes ... I'd like to be my own boss one day ... <u>I'm interested in</u> programming and I'd like to create apps for myself or for other companies ... I know being self-employed would be a challenge but the idea of doing a nine-to-five job doesn't appeal to me at all ...</p> <p>3. What do you see yourself doing in 10 years time? I'd hope to be working ... not a high-powered job ... <u>but</u> I'm quite a creative person so something <u>where</u> I can work with my hands would be nice ... as long as I'm not stuck behind a desk doing</p>

<p>(approximately)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one of the perks of the job: an extra benefit you get from a job • part-time: working less than full-time • to run your own business: see 'to be your own boss' • to be self-employed: see 'to be your own boss' • sick leave: time allowed off work when sick • to be stuck behind a desk: to be unhappy in an office job • to be/get stuck in a rut: to be in a boring job that is hard to leave • to take early retirement: to retire early (retire: to reach an age when you are allowed to stop working for a living) • temporary work: work done for a limited time only • voluntary work: to work without pay • to be well paid: to earn a good salary • working conditions: the hours, salary and other entitlements that comes with the job • to work with your hands: to do manual work 	<p>something boring in a dead-end job I'll be happy ...</p> <p>Idioms - advanced vocabulary High-powered - CEO, business owner, manager, supervisor, /PRO-ject/ /pro-JECT/</p> <p>4. Why did you choose that job? I was previously a lawyer and found it to be really stressful and never had any free time, so after quitting that job <i>I thought</i> teaching <i>might be</i> the complete opposite of being a lawyer, <i>you know</i> not as stressful and more time off.</p> <p>Quit - retire I was previously a _____.</p> <p><u>a, an, the</u> a background in chemistry chemistry-related Looked - /lookt/ opportunity</p> <p>5. Do you enjoy your job? Most of the time. It's very rewarding to be able to help people every day and the students here are very hardworking and fun to teach, but you sometimes have lessons that do go so well and the money could always be better.</p> <p>Re-search Cure - /kyur/</p> <p>6. Do you get on well with your co-workers? Yes, fine. I don't really see work as part of my social life, so I don't socialise with them, so I suppose I could be more friendly, but it's just my nature to be a bit colder with colleagues. I think it's more professional to be that way.</p> <p>7. What was your first day at work like? There were lots of teachers starting at the same time as me, 10 I think, so we all had a big induction day. The more senior teachers ran workshops with us to familiarise us with the different systems they</p>
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	<p>had and then we went for a team dinner in the evening.</p> <p>8. What responsibilities do you have at work?</p> <p>All of the teachers main responsibility is to plan good lessons and then teach them to the best of our ability. On top of that we have several admin. tasks to carry out like mark homework, fill out attendance sheets and write reports.</p> <p>9. Would you like to change your job in the future?</p> <p>Yes, as I said before, I like working by myself, so I would like to be my own boss. I'm currently developing my own website, so if it's successful I will leave teaching and work on it full time. This will also give me more time to work on other projects.</p> <p>10. What is your typical day like at work?</p> <p>I normally have 2 or 3 classes in the evening and I start the day by doing all the planning at home. This normally takes between an hour or two depending on the lessons. I then take the rest of the day to spend with my family, before going to work around 3 to print off my materials and then I teach all evening.</p>
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Top 10 top-paying jobs

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1. Anesthesiologist	6. Chief executive officer / ek - SE - kyu - tiv /
2. Surgeon	7. Engineering manager
3. Physician / fee - SEE - shun /	8. IT systems manager
4. Orthodontist	9. Corporate lawyer
5. Dentist	10. Marketing manager

PART 2

<p>SOURCE:</p> <p>CUE CARD 1: Describe your ideal job. You should say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what this job is • whether you would need any qualifications • whether it would be easy to find work <p>and say why you would enjoy this job in particular.</p>	<p>I've always loved watching wildlife programmes on TV and often thought how much I'd enjoy working with animals ... perhaps in a safari park ... something like that ... you'd probably need a degree to have any chance of being called for an interview and whether there are many full-time jobs I don't know ... I'm sure a lot of parks rely on voluntary work so it might not be easy ... and it probably wouldn't be well-paid either but money isn't everything ... I'd get so much job satisfaction ... I can't imagine it being the kind of job where you get stuck in a rut ... and I think I'd be good at it as well ... I'd love to work with animals I enjoy manual work and I'm a good team player ... so even though the working conditions might not be the best I think that would be my ideal job ...</p>
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- ★ What expressions make the response sound conversational and natural?
 - ★ What idioms are used?
 - ★ How many verb tenses can you identify?

PART 3

VOCABULARY & IDEAS	SAMPLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
	<p>SOURCE:</p> <p>1. If there are a limited number of jobs available, who should be given priority, young people or older people with more experience?</p> <p>Answer: Things are so different these days ... a few years ago older employees would often take early retirement or go onto part-time contracts and there were always opportunities for younger people but now jobs are so scarce ... I think younger people need to be given the chance whenever possible ...</p>

2. What are some of the important things a candidate should find out before accepting a job?

Answer: Well ... you'd need to know about your area of responsibility ... and your salary of course and then there are things like holiday entitlement ... maternity or paternity leave ... if you're thinking of having children ... and what the situation is regarding sick leave ... that kind of thing ...

Q. 3. What are the advantages of having your own business rather than working for someone else?

Answer: Well ... unfortunately being an employee at the moment is very stressful ... people have very heavy workloads ... they're always under pressure to meet deadlines ... running your own business isn't easy ... but I do think it would be far more satisfying ...



Advanced vocabulary and natural expressions for this topic

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