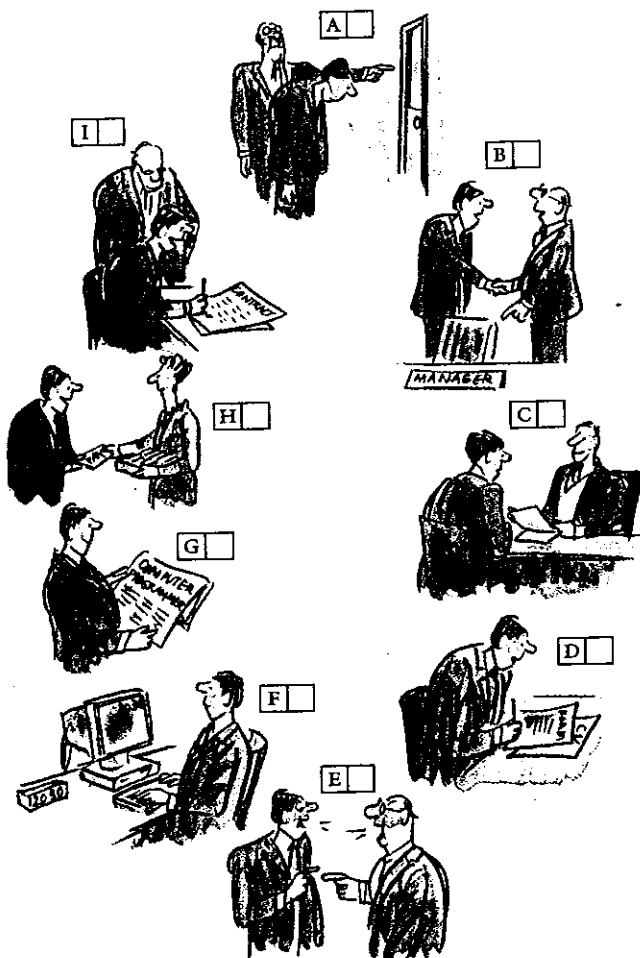


# WORK

## GETTING A JOB

a Read the text. Number the pictures A-I below in order 1-9. What do the words/phrases in **bold** mean? Underline the stress.

Michael was **unemployed** and was **looking for a job**. He saw an advertisement for a job as a computer programmer. He decided to **apply** for it, and sent his **CV** and an **application form**. A week later he had an **interview** and a few days later the boss phoned to say that he had **got the job**. He went to **sign the contract**, and the next day he started work. He had to work very hard and **do overtime**, but he was happy because he **earned a good salary**. At first everything went well, and after six months he got **promoted**. But unfortunately a few months later he had an argument with the boss and was **sacked**. Michael was unemployed again.



b Cover the text. Look at the pictures and tell the story.

## PEOPLE AND WHAT THEY DO

Match the words and definitions. Underline the stress.

retire /rɪ'taɪə/   company manager   employee /emplɔɪ'i:/  
resign /rɪ'zaɪn/   employer   trade union   (go on) strike

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ someone who pays other people to do work
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ someone who is paid to work
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ an organization or group of people who work together in business
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ leave your job (because you want to go)
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ leave your job (because you are old, e.g. 65)
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ stop work because you want better working conditions
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ group of people who represent workers
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ someone who controls an organization

Cover the words. Read the definitions and try to remember the words.

## JOBS / PROFESSIONS

Complete the text. Underline the stress.

conditions   hours   part time   temporary   experience   job  
qualifications   work

Nowadays in many countries, there is not enough  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ for everybody, and many people are looking for a  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_. If they are lucky enough to find one, it is often 3 \_\_\_\_\_, (only a few hours a day) not **full time**, or it is a 4 \_\_\_\_\_ job (only for a few months), not a **permanent** one. Many jobs involve working long  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_, and often the working 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. salary, holidays) are not good. To get a good job, it's important to have  
 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. a university degree) and some  
 8 \_\_\_\_\_.



I'm a civil servant.

I work for the government.

I used to work as a lawyer.

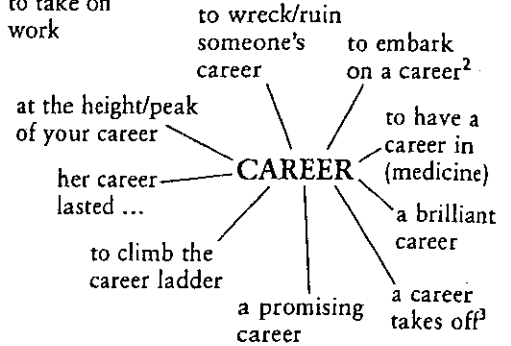
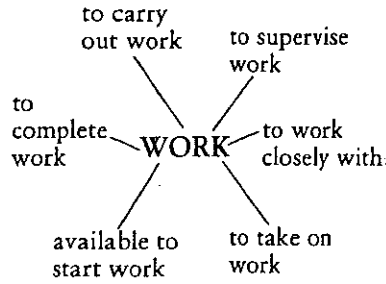
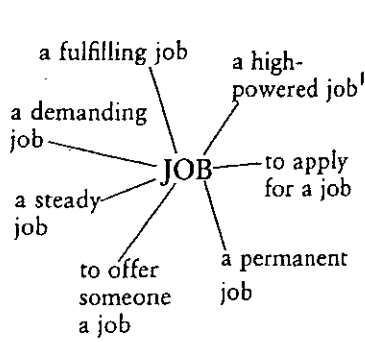
I've got a degree in law.

Add more jobs. Underline the stress.

-er	-or	-ist	-ian	others
lawyer	inspector	scientist	librarian	accountant
				cook

**A**

## Jobs, career and work



Note we say have a job, NOT have a ~~work~~.

- ¹ an important job
- ² to start a career
- ³ a career starts to become very successful

**B** Job adverts

Do you have a good knowledge of the fashion industry?  
 Do you have experience in sales?  
 Are you a good team player¹?  
 Are you looking for a stimulating working environment?  
 Would you like to be an integral part of a close team?  
 We can offer you job satisfaction and generous benefits².  
 Vacancy must be filled³ within three weeks.  
 For further details, phone 08965 439820.

- ¹ a person who co-operates well with other people
- ² good rewards for work – not just salary but also perhaps a company car, good holiday entitlement, etc.
- ³ the job must be offered to someone and accepted

## Exercises

30.1 Complete the sentences with *work*, *job* or *career*.

- 1 I took on too much ..... last month and couldn't finish it all.
- 2 At the peak of her ..... she was managing a sales force of 200 people.
- 3 Daniel Robertson's ..... in education lasted almost four decades.
- 4 I have a very demanding ....., but I enjoy it, nonetheless.
- 5 At the moment we are carrying out ..... on the design of the new stadium.
- 6 The scandal ruined his ..... and he never worked in the stock market again.
- 7 I'm going to apply for a ..... in a supermarket.
- 8 She had a long and brilliant ..... in show business. At 20, she got her first steady ..... in a small regional theatre, but it was in 1968 that her ..... really took off when she was offered a part in a TV series.

## Reasons for working

A) There are some reasons for working. Label them 1-5 according to their importance.

1 – not important at all

2 – not very important

3 – quite important

4 – important

5 – very important

Add other reasons of your own.

- |                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 1 to get money             | 11 ..... |
| 2 to help other people     | 12 ..... |
| 3 to learn new skills      | 13 ..... |
| 4 to do something useful   | 14 ..... |
| 5 to have power            | 15 ..... |
| 6 to meet new people       |          |
| 7 to travel                |          |
| 8 to keep fit              |          |
| 9 to be part of a team     |          |
| 10 to help save the planet |          |

## Reasons for not working

B) List some reasons for not working and label them as well.

- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| 1 ..... | 10 ..... |
| 2 ..... | 11 ..... |
| 3 ..... | 12 ..... |
| 4 ..... | 13 ..... |
| 5 ..... | 14 ..... |
| 6 ..... | 15 ..... |
| 7 ..... |          |
| 8 ..... |          |
| 9 ..... |          |