

07 Talking about jobs

English uses the words “job” and “work” in a variety of contexts to talk about different professions, working conditions, and career paths.

⚙️ **New language** “Job” and “work”

Aa **Vocabulary** Jobs and professions

🧩 **New skill** Talking about your career

7.1 VOCABULARY JOBS



architect



electrician



musician



flight attendant



firefighter



travel agent



mechanic



fashion designer



hairdresser



plumber



surgeon



pilot



butcher



journalist



vet



writer



7.2 READ THE JOB ADVERTISEMENTS AND WRITE THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS NEXT TO THEIR DEFINITIONS

JOB LISTINGS

URGENTLY WANTED: **Trainee** hairdresser, 30 hours per week, divided between **part-time** work in the salon and part-time work at our Hair Academy.

SPORTS JOURNALIST NEEDED: Attractive **salary** of \$40,000 per year, and generous **annual vacation**. This position is **full-time**.

PART-TIME BUTCHER NEEDED FOR BUSY LOCAL SHOP! We offer a competitive **wage** of \$15 per hour and the possibility of **overtime** work for the right candidate.

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE is looking for an **intern** for six months. No salary is offered, but the position may lead to a full-time job.

FIREFIGHTERS REQUIRED URGENTLY. Are you fit and healthy? Happy to work an eight-hour **shift**? Apply online with your CV now.

Someone who is learning a job.

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trainee

- ① Work in addition to your set hours.
- ② Describes a complete working week.
- ③ Someone who does unpaid work to gain experience.
- ④ A period of work of a set number of hours.
- ⑤ A fixed amount of money paid per year, often monthly.
- ⑥ Describes an incomplete working week.
- ⑦ A fixed number of days off work per year.
- ⑧ A fixed amount of money paid per hour, often weekly.

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7.3 REWRITE THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

trainee

- ① _____
- ② _____
- ③ _____
- ④ _____
- ⑤ _____

Dear Ms. Cox,

I am very excited to hear that your company needs a **traineeee** architect. I worked as an **intenn** at an architecture firm last year, and believe that I have the skills and experience needed for this job. I am happy to work **overhours**, and would expect a **wage** of \$30,000 per year. I am ideally looking for **fulltime** work, but would also be willing to consider a **half-time** job.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Adams

7.4 KEY LANGUAGE "JOB" OR "WORK"

The words "job" and "work" are commonly confused in English.

I enjoy my **job**.

"Job" can only be a noun.
It cannot be a verb.

I'm looking for a **job**.

"Job" is used for a specific role.
It is a countable noun.

I start **work** at 9 o'clock.

English uses "work" to talk about working hours and travel.

I enjoy my **work**.
I **work** in an office.

It can also
be a verb.

I have so much **work** to do.

"Work" is uncountable,
and used for general activities.



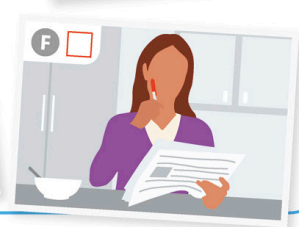
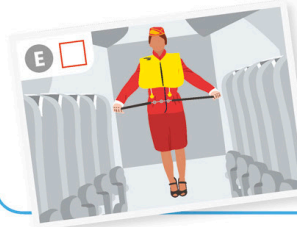
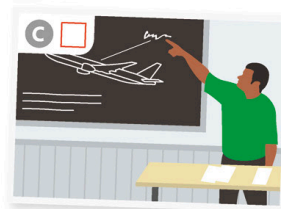
7.5 FILL IN THE GAPS WITH "JOB" OR "WORK"

I am looking for a new job.

- 1 This is really hard _____.
- 2 I can't come as I have to _____ late.
- 3 It is a difficult _____, but I love it!
- 4 It took me years to find a _____ I love.
- 5 I have a lot of _____ to finish.
- 6 I really want to _____ in marketing.
- 7 I have a part-time _____.
- 8 Do you get to _____ by car or train?
- 9 What time do you finish _____?
- 10 Tyler wants to leave his _____.



7.6 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED



BUSINESS TODAY

TWO CAREERS

Teacher Selim Hussain and financial consultant Josie MacDonald talk to Joan Riddon about their career paths since finishing their studies.

SELIM: After I completed my advanced studies in nursing, I worked in teaching hospitals and enjoyed a fabulously interesting **career**. At 32 I had a very demanding role in emergency medicine.

Once I became a father and there were some extra stresses at work, it became too much and I decided to **resign**, despite loving the work. I was lucky because one of my old professors contacted me and I

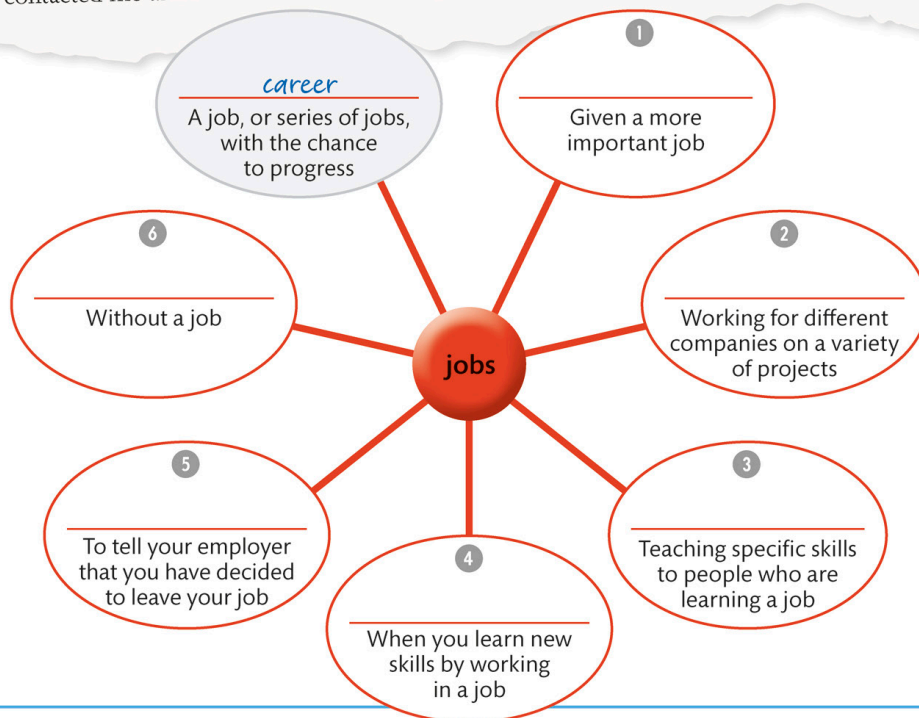
began teaching part-time. **Training** nurses is the best job in the world!

JOSIE: My first job was as a financial assistant. This was great **experience** and it helped me get a job as a corporate banker. I always met my targets, so I was quickly **promoted** and rewarded with large pay raises. I was quite wealthy by the time I was 35.

Then came the worldwide financial slump. My bank lost money



and many highly paid executives lost their jobs, including me. I was now **unemployed** for the first time in my working life. I worked **freelance**, as a consultant, and then opened my own consultancy, which now employs 50 staff.



07 CHECKLIST

⚙️ "Job" and "work" ☐

Aa Jobs and professions ☐

👤 Talking about your career ☐