

Work

VOCABULARY BANK

1 VERB PHRASES

a Complete the verb phrases with a word or phrase from the list.

applied for /ə'plaid fɔː/ was downsized /wəz 'daʊnsaɪzd/ was fired /wəz faɪərd/
 got promoted /gɒt prə'moʊtɪd/ resign /rɪ'zaɪn/ retire /rɪ'taɪə/ set up /set ʌp/
 take /teɪk/ work (x2) /wɜːk/



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| 1 Dan has to <u>work</u> a lot of overtime. | He has to work extra hours. |
| 2 Matt _____ last week. | He was given a more important job. |
| 3 Most nurses have to _____ shifts. | Sometimes they work during the day and sometimes at night. |
| 4 A man in our department _____ yesterday. | He lost his job because of poor performance. |
| 5 Colin _____ last month. | He lost his job because the company didn't need him anymore. |
| 6 The politician is going to _____. | He has decided to leave his job. (also quit) |
| 7 Lilian is going to _____ next month. | She's 65, and she's going to stop working. |
| 8 Angela has _____ a business to sell clothes online. | She had the idea and has started doing it. |
| 9 Everyone in the office has to _____ a training course. | They need to learn how to use the new software. |
| 10 She _____ a job. | She replied to an advertisement and sent in her résumé. |

b (4 42)) Listen and check. Cover the first sentence and look at the second. Can you remember the verb?

2 SAYING WHAT YOU DO

a Match the adjectives and definitions.

part-time /'pɑːt 'taɪm/ self-employed /self ɪm'plɔɪd/
 temporary /'tempərəri/ unemployed /ʌnɪm'plɔɪd/
 well qualified /wel 'kwɒləfaɪd/



for people

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| 1 I'm _____. | without a job |
| 2 He's _____. | working for himself |
| 3 She's _____. | with, e.g., a college degree or with a lot of experience |

for a job or work

- 4 It's a _____ job. (opposite *permanent*) with only a short contract, e.g., for six months
- 5 It's a _____ job. (opposite *full-time*) only working a few hours a day

b Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- I **work** for a multinational company.
- I'm _____ **charge** _____ the marketing department.
- I'm **responsible** _____ customer loans.
- I'm _____ school (college).
- I'm _____ my third year.

c (4 43)) Listen and check a and b.

3 WORD BUILDING

a Make nouns from the following verbs by adding *-ment*, *-ion*, or *-ation*, and making any other necessary changes.

1 promote	<u>promotion</u>	4 employ	
2 apply		5 qualify	
3 retire		6 resign	

b Make nouns for the people who do the jobs by adding *-er*, *-or*, *-ian*, or *-ist*, and making any other necessary changes.

1 science		4 pharmacy	
2 law		5 farm	
3 music		6 translate	

c (4 44)) Listen and check a and b. Underline the stressed syllable in the new words.

d Cover the nouns and look at 1–6 in a and b. Say the nouns. Think of two more jobs for each ending.

job or work?
 I'm looking for **work**. I'm looking for a **job**.
 Work is an uncountable noun and has no plural.
 NOT ~~I'm looking for a work.~~
 Job is a countable noun.
 There are several jobs available in this company.