

JOBS AND WORK



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BY THE END OF THE
LESSON YOU WILL BE
ABLE TO IDENTIFY
VOCABULARY RELATED
WITH WORK AND JOBS.

WARM-UP!



READ THE CLUES AND GUESS THE JOB!

1. This person might fly to the moon.
2. You visit this person when you are sick.
3. This person grows food such as corn.
4. This person works in a school.
5. You work in a restaurant with this job.
6. This person works in a library.
7. This person flies planes.
8. This person works in a flower shop.
9. This person sings or plays music.
10. This person can fix your teeth.

USE THE JOB TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.



LAWYER/ RECEPTIONIST/ HAIRDRESSER/ NURSE/ SHOP ASSISTANT/
ENGINEER/ CLEANER

1. A _____ works in a hospital and looks after sick people.
2. A _____ helps people when they come into a building.
3. A _____ deals with customers in a shop.
4. A _____ works in a saloon and cut people's hair.
5. A _____ helps people with legal problems.
6. A _____ works in an office and helps to design and build roads and buildings.
7. A _____ works in a building and keeps it clean and tidy.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

VERB+PREPOSITION

- I work **at...**
- I work **in...**
- I work **for...**
- I work **with...**

I WORK AT/FOR... (NAME OF COMPANY)

For example, “I work **at** Agustín Ross Edwards school” or “I work **for** Entel.”

You can also use “**for**” if you work **directly for a famous person**: “I work **for** Tom Cruise. I’m his public relations manager.”

I WORK IN

A place:

- I work in **an office**
- I work in **a school**
- I work in **a factory**.

A city/country

- I work in **Pichilemu**
- I work in **Chile**

In a department

- I work in **the marketing department**
- I work in **sales**

I WORK WITH... (THINGS / PEOPLE THAT ARE THE OBJECTS OF YOUR DAY-TO-DAY WORK)

- I work with **computers**.
- I'm a teacher. I work with **young students**.

If you want to add more details about your work, you can say:

"I'm responsible for..."

"I'm in charge of..."

"My job involves..."

- I'm responsible for **updating** the company website.
- I'm in charge of **interviewing** candidates for jobs.
- My job involves **giving** tours of the museum.

After these phrases, use the **-ING form of the verb**

LET'S REVIEW!



- I work **at** (a company).
- I work **for** (a company / a person)
- I work **in** (a place, city, country, department, or general area/industry)
- I work **with** (people / things)

If you work for yourself, you can say **“I’m self-employed.”**

If you have your own company, you can say,

“I own a small business,” or more specifically, **“I own a restaurant”** or **“I own a repair car.”**



IN SPEAKING!

In conversational English, the question “Where do you work?” is commonly phrased as

“**What do you do?**” or “**What do you do for a living?**”

You can answer with one of the “I work...” / “I’m a/an... (your job title).”

- I’m a **teacher**.
- I’m an **accountant**.

How do you answer this question **if you don’t have a job?**

- **I’m unemployed.**
- **I’m between jobs at the moment.**

Here are some other **reasons you might not have a job:**

- I’m a **student**.
- I’m a **stay-at-home mom/dad**.



DESCRIBING YOUR JOB



Do you like your job?

Here are some different ways to talk about how you feel about your work:

- My job is **interesting / exciting.**
- I find my work very **rewarding.** (*this means it satisfies you and makes you feel good*)
- The work is quite **challenging.**
(*“challenging” can be a way to say it’s difficult, but with a positive connotation; you enjoy the difficulty*)
- My job is **tough / tiring / demanding.**
- The work is rather **dull / boring / repetitive.**
(*“dull” is another way to say “boring,” and “repetitive” means you do the same type of task multiple times; there’s not much variation*)

ESSENTIAL EMPLOYMENT VOCABULARY

- ★ When you are officially accepted into a new job at a company, you are **hired** by the company.
- ★ When you're hired, you become an **employee** of the company. The company becomes your **employer**. The other employees in the company are your **colleagues** or **coworkers**. The person above you who is responsible for your work is your **boss** or **supervisor**.
- ★ We typically use the expression **go to work** for arriving at work, and **get off work** for leaving work. For example,
"I go to work at 8:30, and I get off work at 5."

- ★ As an employee of the company, you **earn a salary** – money you receive regularly for your work.
- ★ If you're good at your job, you might get a **pay raise (or a raise)** – an increase in your salary.
- ★ You could also get a **promotion** – an increase in importance and authority.
- ★ At the end of the year, some companies give their employees a **bonus** – extra money for work well done.



★ The opposite of “hire” is **fire** – when your company forces you to leave your job. For example, “Paul was **fired** because he never came to work on time.

★ If you decide to leave your job, there are three verbs you can use:

- I’m going to **quit my job.**
- I’m going to **leave my job.**
- I’m going to **resign.**



When an old person decides to stop working, the verb for this is **retire**.

If you’re older than that and you’ve stopped working, you can describe your current situation by saying, **“I’m retired.”**

