

9 Making a Living

Unit Opener

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- 9.1 **make a living** (expr) /meɪk ə 'lɪvɪŋ/
work and earn money • *Jessica makes a living as a teacher.*
- 9.2 **fog bank** (n) /fɒg bæŋk/
a thick cloud of fog, especially at sea • *The ship sailed through a fog bank.*
- 9.3 **cable** (n) /'keɪbl/
a strong thick metal rope used on ships, for supporting bridges, etc • *The bridge isn't safe – the cables need to be replaced.*

Reading

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- 9.4 **dead-end** (adj) /ded end/
A dead-end job has low wages and no chance of progress • *He said working at the supermarket was a dead-end job.*
- 9.5 **exhausting** (adj) /ɪg'zɔ:stɪŋ/
very tiring • *Being a working mother is exhausting because you have to go to work as well as look after your family and home.*
> exhaust (v), exhaustion (n)
- 9.6 **manual** (adj) /'mænʊəl/
using your hands or your physical strength rather than your mind • *Farming is hard manual work which needs a lot of energy.*
- 9.7 **rewarding** (adj) /rɪ'wɔ:dɪŋ/
making you feel satisfied because you are doing sth useful or important • *It is very rewarding for teachers when their students pass their exams.* > reward (v, n)
- 9.8 **stressful** (adj) /'stresfl/
making you feel worried and nervous • *Her new job is very stressful.* > stress (n)

Word Focus

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- 9.9 **arrest** (v) /ə'rest/
make sb notice sth and pay attention to it
• *The sunset arrested his attention as it was so beautiful.* > arresting (adj)
- 9.10 **framing** (n) /'freɪmɪŋ/
where the photographer sets the borders of a photo graph • *Framing the photo correctly means keeping people's heads in the picture!*
> frame (v, n)
- 9.11 **border** (n) /'bɔ:də/
a band along the edge of sth like a picture
• *On my mobile phone, I can choose different borders for my photos.*

Reading

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- 9.12 **combine** (v) /kəm'baɪn/
join or mix things together • *She combined her love of music and performing when she joined an orchestra.* > combination (n)
- 9.13 **passion** (n) /'pæʃn/
a very strong liking for sth like an activity, hobby, etc • *He's always had a passion for football.* > passionate (adj)
- 9.14 **assignment** (n) /ə'saɪnmənt/
a piece of work that sb is given as part of their job • *The journalist travelled to Paris because his assignment was to report on the Louvre.*
> assign (v)
- 9.15 **subject** (n) /'sʌbdʒɪkt/
the thing or person in a picture, a photograph etc • *Animals are always a popular subject for photographers.*
- 9.16 **note** (v) /nəʊt/
say; point out • *He noted that my photography skills were improving.*
- 9.17 **demand** (n) /dɪ'ma:nd/
the need or desire that people have for sth
• *There is a high demand for maths teachers in the UK.*
- 9.18 **get in touch** (expr) /get ɪn tʌtʃ/
contact • *Carlos visited his hometown to get in touch with his childhood.*
- 9.19 **roots** (pl n) /ru:ts/
your relation to a place because you or your family used to live there • *Her roots are in Hong Kong where she grew up.*
- 9.20 **amateur** (n) /'æmətə/
sb who does sth as a hobby not a job • *He started taking photographs as an amateur, but now he works for National Geographic.*
👉 Opp: professional
- 9.21 **obsessed** (adj) /əb'sest/
thinking about sb or sth all the time, and unable to think about anything else • *George is obsessed with computers and won't turn his off.*
- 9.22 **agent** (n) /'eɪdʒənt/
sb who represents sb else and helps them find work • *Actors have agents who help them get roles in films.*
- 9.23 **not look back** (expr) /nɒt lʊk 'bæk/
stop thinking about sth that happened in the past • *He sold the house, moved to Canada and hasn't looked back since.*

- 9.24 fond (of)** (adj) /fʌnd (əv)/
If you are fond of sb or sth, you like them very much • *He's fond of music which is why he became a music teacher.* > fondness (n)
- 9.25 shoot** (v) /ʃu:t/
take a photo • *The photographer shot a picture of the shark with a special underwater camera.* > shot (n)
- 9.26 sunrise** (n) /'sʌnrʌɪz/
start of the day when the sun rises in the sky • *The farmer got up at sunrise every day to care for his fields and animals.*
📖 Opp: sunset
- 9.27 glare** (n) /gleə/
bright light • *I put on my sunglasses to protect my eyes from the glare of the sun.*
- 9.28 field** (n) /fi:ld/
an area of activity that sb is involved in as part of their work • *Her field is archaeology and at the moment she is doing research in Greece.*
- 9.29 given** (prep) /'gɪvən/
because of or considering sth • *She looks good, given her age.*
- 9.30 caption** (n) /'kæpʃn/
words printed under a cartoon or photo • *The caption under the cartoon was very funny.*
- 9.31 be drawn into sth** (expr)
/bi drɔ:n 'ɪntə 'sʌmθɪŋ/
become involved or start doing sth although you may not want to at first • *I don't want to be drawn into their problems.*
- 9.32 fortune** (n) /'fɔ:tʃu:n/
luck • *We were hungry and it was very late, but we had the good fortune to find a restaurant in the village.* > fortunate (adj)
- 9.33 get into** (phr v) /'get 'ɪntə/
begin to be involved in sth • *How did you first get into acting?*
- 9.34 material gain** (n) /mə'tɪəriəl geɪn/
profit in the form of money and possessions • *A well-paid job is essential for somebody interested in material gain.*
- 9.35 craft** (n) /kra:ft/
a profession for which you need a special skill • *As a film director, he is very proud of his craft and wants all his work to be perfect.*
- 9.36 amateur** (adj) /'æmətə(r)/
doing sth for pleasure and not as a job • *He's just an amateur painter – he doesn't get paid for his work.* > amateur (n)
- 9.37 representative** (n) /reprɪ'zentətɪv/
sb who speaks or acts for another person • *The boss couldn't attend the meeting so he chose a representative to go for him.*
> represent (v), representation (n)

- 9.38 be taken with** (expr) /bi: 'teɪkən wɪð/
really like sb or sth • *She was taken with the idea of being an author, so she decided to do a course in creative writing.*

Adjectives for jobs

dead-end	manual
exhausting	rewarding
high-risk	stressful

Vocabulary

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- 9.39 strike** (n) /straɪk/
a period of time when workers deliberately stop working because of a disagreement about pay, working conditions, etc • *The transport strike lasted two days and caused chaos on the roads.* > strike (v), striker (n)
- 9.40 unemployed** (adj) /ʌnɪm'plɔɪd/
without a job • *I have been unemployed for two months and am looking for a job.*
> unemployment (n)
📖 Opp: employed
- 9.41 vacancy** (n) /'veɪkənsi/
a job that is available for sb to start doing • *There aren't any vacancies and I can't find a job.* > vacant (adj)
- 9.42 bonus** (n) /'bʌʊnəs/
money added to sb's salary • *There has been a scandal about the bonuses that were given to bank CEOs during difficult times.*
- 9.43 perk** (n) /pɜ:k/
sth you get from your work in addition to your wages, such as the use of a car, life insurance, etc • *Many companies provide their employees with a company car as a perk.*
- 9.44 pension** (n) /'penʃn/
money you receive after you retire • *He receives a pension of 500 euros every month.*
> pensioner (n)
- 9.45 fire** (v) /faɪə/
remove sb from their job because they have done sth wrong • *He was fired for stealing company money.*
- 9.46 high-risk** (adj) /haɪ-rɪsk/
having a larger level of danger than usual • *Working as a firefighter is a high-risk job.*
- 9.47 reference** (n) /'refrəns/
a letter with information about you written by sb who knows you well, intended for a possible employer • *My old boss gave me a good reference, so I found another job easily.*
> refer (v)
- 9.48 candidate** (n) /'kændɪdeɪt/
sb who is being considered for a job • *There are three candidates for this job, but only one will get it.*

- 9.49 position** (n) /pə'zɪʃn/
a job • *The position of chef at the local restaurant is being advertised in this magazine.*
- 9.50 be made redundant** (expr)
/bi: meɪd rɪ'dʌndənt/
lose your job because your employer no longer needs you • *She was made redundant when the factory closed.*
- 9.51 diploma** (n) /dɪ'pləʊmə/
a document showing that sb has completed a course of study or passed an examination
• *He has a diploma in computing, so he wants to find work in IT.*
- 9.52 social work** (n) /'səʊʃl wɜ:k/
work to improve bad social conditions and help people who are poor or have problems
• *Social work is badly paid but very rewarding.*
- 9.53 glamour** (n) /'glæmə/
the attractive quality of being connected with wealth and success • *There is glamour in being a film star, but it takes a lot of hard work too.* > glamorous (adj)
- 9.54 mine** (n) /maɪn/
a place underground where workers dig for diamonds, coal etc • *There was an accident at the mine, but fortunately nobody was trapped underground.* > mine (v), miner (n)
- 9.55 employer** (n) /ɪm'plɔɪə(r)/
a person or company that pays sb to do work for them • *They're good employers – we like working for them.* > employ (v), employment (n), employee (n)
- 9.56 union** (n) /'ju:niən/
an organisation that protects workers' rights
• *The union took the company to court because it fired three workers without a reason.*
- 9.57 indefinitely** (adv) /ɪn'defɪnətli/
for an unknown length of time • *The company has closed indefinitely and we don't know if it will open again.* > indefinite (adj)
- 9.58 poor** (adj) /pɔ:(r)/
bad • *Mr Davies has been in poor health for years.*
- 9.59 support** (v) /sə'pɔ:t/
provide enough money to pay for the things sb needs • *Tom has two jobs in order to support his family.* > support (n)
- 9.60 countless** (adj) /'kaʊntləs/
numerous • *Countless numbers of people leave their countries to find work elsewhere.* > count (v)
- 9.61 come by** (phr v) /kʌm baɪ/
manage to get sth that is difficult to get
• *I came by this rare book in a charity shop!*
- 9.62 spot** (v) /spɒt/
see • *I spotted my friend on the Metro on the way to work this morning, but he didn't see me.*
- 9.63 agency** (n) /'eɪdʒənsi/
a business that provides a service for other people or companies • *Liz works in a travel agency.* > agent (n)
- 9.64 hit it off (with sb)** (expr)
/hɪt ɪt ɒf (wɪð 'sʌmbədi)/
get on very well with sb • *He is happy because he hit it off with his new colleagues.*
- 9.65 gladly** (adv) /'glædli/
If you do sth gladly, you are happy to do it.
• *I'd gladly help you.* > glad (adj)
- 9.66 wages** (pl n) /'weɪdʒɪz/
money you earn that is paid according to the number of hours, days or weeks that you work
• *She gets her wages every Friday.*
- 9.67 salary** (n) /'sæləri/
money that you receive from your employer every month • *His salary is paid into his bank account once a month.*
- 9.68 volunteer** (n) /vɒlən'tɪə/
sb who works willingly and without payment
• *Many people were volunteers for the Olympic Games.* > volunteer (v), voluntary (adj)
- 9.69 work force** (n) /wɜ:k fɔ:s/
all the people who work in an industry or company • *Over fifty per cent of the work force in this company are women.*

Grammar

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- 9.70 hire** (v) /'haɪə(r)/
give sb a job • *Jo, our secretary, was hired four years ago.*
- 9.71 abroad** (adv) /ə'brɔ:d/
in or to another country • *I've never been abroad.*
- 9.72 qualification** (n) /kwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃn/
If you have a qualification, you have passed an exam to show you have skill or knowledge in a subject • *What qualifications do you need for this job?* > qualify (v), qualified (adj)
- 9.73 director** (n) /dɪ'rektə(r)/
a person who controls a company • *The director asked everyone to work harder.* > direct (v)

Listening

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- 9.74 out of choice** (expr) /aʊt əv tʃɔɪs/
because you want to • *I live in a flat out of choice. I've never wanted to live in a house.*

9.75 **suit** (v) /su:t/
be right or good for sb • *City life doesn't really suit me.* > suitable (adj)

Grammar

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- 9.76** **details** (pl n) /'di:teɪls/
personal information • *I need your contact details: your address, phone number and email.*
- 9.77** **give sb your word** (expr) /gɪv 'sʌmbədi jə 'wɜ:d/
promise sb that you will do sth • *You have to help her. You gave her your word.*
- 9.78** **make an effort** (expr) /meɪk ən 'efət/
try • *If you want to learn another language, you will have to make an effort and study regularly.*
- 9.79** **on time** (expr) /ɒn taɪm/
not late • *Make sure you arrive on time for the interview.*
- 9.80** **accountant** (n) /ə'kaʊntənt/
a person whose job is to check the money another person or company receives and pays • *He asked the accountant how much the company had spent that month.*

Interviews

candidate	reference
details	vacancy
position	

Use your English

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- 9.81** **shift** (n) /ʃɪft/
If workers work shifts, they work for a period of time during the day or night and are then replaced by other workers • *She's a nurse and is doing the night shift this week.*
- 9.82** **part-time** (adv) /'pɑ:t taɪm/
for only part of the day or week in which people work • *She's still at college, so she only works part-time.* > part-time (adj)
- 9.83** **lay off** (phr v) /leɪ ɒf/
stop employing sb because there is no work for them • *He was laid off last month and hasn't found another job yet.*
- 9.84** **launch** (v) /lɔ:ntʃ/
make a new product available to the public • *The designer has just launched her summer fashion collection.* > launch (n)
- 9.85** **withdraw** (v) /wɪð'drɔ:z/
stop offering a product for sale • *The toy has been withdrawn from the market.*

- 9.86** **take on** (phr v) /teɪk ɒn/
employ • *The company hasn't taken on any new employees this year.*
- 9.87** **get the sack** (expr) /'get ðə sæk/
tell sb that they can no longer work for you • *He was always late for work, so he got the sack.*
- 9.88** **desperately** (adv) /'desprətli/
very much • *We desperately need to get new computers as these keep crashing.*
> desperation (n), desperate (adj)
- 9.89** **meet a deadline** (expr) /mi:t ə 'dedlaɪn/
have sth finished on time • *In order to meet a deadline, we often work longer hours in the office.*
- 9.90** **properly** (adv) /'prɒpəli/
well or correctly • *I can't see properly without my glasses.* > proper (adj)
- 9.91** **staffing** (n) /'stɑ:fɪŋ/
providing the workers for a business or an organisation • *The staffing problems at many schools mean that there are not enough teachers for some subjects.* > staff (n)
- 9.92** **at all costs** (expr) /æt ɔ:l kɒsts/
whatever it takes • *We must get another actor at all costs or the film won't be made.*
- 9.93** **be in debt** (expr) /bi: ɪn det/
owe money • *Stop using your credit card because you are already in debt and owe the bank money.*
- 9.94** **redundancy** (n) /rɪ'dʌndənsi/
becoming unemployed because your job no longer exists • *The factory closed and there were hundreds of redundancies.*
> redundant (adj)
- 9.95** **take sb by surprise** (expr) /teɪk 'sʌmbədi baɪ sɪ'praɪz/
surprise sb • *When we got higher salaries, it took us by surprise.*
- 9.96** **out of work** (expr) /aʊt əv wɜ:k/
unemployed • *The supermarket closed and now we are all out of work.*
- 9.97** **on behalf of** (expr) /ɒn bɪ'ha:f ɒv/
instead of sb; as sb's representative • *On behalf of John, who can't be here tonight, I thank you for this award.*
- 9.98** **promotion** (n) /prə'məʊʃn/
a move to a more important job in a company • *She used to be a teacher but got a promotion and is now the principal.*
> promote (v)

Things that make you want to work

bonus	perk	salary
glamour	promotion	wages

Losing your job

be made redundant	out of work
fire	redundancy
get the sack	unemployed

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- 9.99 reduction** (n) /rɪ'dʌkʃn/
a decrease in sth • *A reduction in the price of the meals at the canteen made the staff happy.*
➤ reduce (v)
📎 Opp: increase
- 9.100 recommendation** (n) /,rekəmen'deɪʃn/
a suggestion or advice about the best thing to do, buy, etc • *Based on his experience, he made some recommendations for improving our work.* ➤ recommend (v)
- 9.101 board** (v) /bɔ:d/
get on • *We board the bus every morning at eight and get off when we get to school.*
- 9.102 supervision** (n) /su:pə'vɪʒn/
being in charge of an activity or person and making sure things are done correctly
• *The children are naughty and need supervision.* ➤ supervise (v), supervisor (n)
- 9.103 on duty** (expr) /ɒn 'dju:tɪ/
working • *I wasn't on duty at 4.30.*
- 9.104 day-to-day** (adj) /deɪ-tə-deɪ/
daily • *The day-to-day costs of running this car are too high for me.*
- 9.105 running** (n) /'rʌnɪŋ/
organising or being in charge of a business
• *The running of the shop is the manager's responsibility.* ➤ run (v)
- 9.106 slip** (v) /slɪp/
move smoothly over sth by accident and fall or almost fall • *Careful you don't slip – the floor's wet.* ➤ slippery (adj)

- 9.107 outsider** (n) /aʊt'saɪdə/
sb who isn't from a particular place • *He felt like an outsider at his new school as nobody would talk to him.*

Video: Wildlife Reporter

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- 9.108 flame** (n) /fleɪm/
the hot burning gas that you see when sth is on fire • *Don't put your hand near the candle flame. You'll burn yourself.*
- 9.109 majority** (n) /mə'dʒɔrəti/
more than half of a group of people or things
• *The majority of students passed the exam, but a few didn't.*
📎 Opp: minority
- 9.110 occupation** (n) /ɒkjʊ'peɪʃn/
a job • *'What's your occupation?' 'I'm a teacher.'*
- 9.111 significant** (adj) /sɪg'nɪfɪkənt/
important • *Scientists have made significant progress in fighting many diseases.*
➤ significance (n)
📎 Opp: insignificant
- 9.112 skilled** (adj) /skɪld/
having the training and experience necessary to do sth well • *The furniture was made by skilled craftsmen and is very good.*
➤ skill (n)
📎 Opp: unskilled
- 9.113 capable** (adj) /'keɪpəbl/
having the ability necessary to do sth • *You need to be a capable climber to reach the summit of this mountain.*
➤ capability (n)
📎 Opp: incapable
- 9.114 potential** (n) /pə'tenʃl/
the possibility that something will develop in a certain way • *Katy has the potential to become a wonderful painter.* ➤ potential (adj)