

Vocabulary Associated with Work

Teacher's Notes

Description: Whether it's the be-all and end-all your existence, or something you do simply to pay the rent, work is a reality which most of us have to face. And like so many other common classroom conversation topics, it comes with its own array of tricky yet vital vocabulary. The exercises in this activity sheet help to familiarise students with Vocabulary Associated with Work, offering them fun and varied practice, both alone and in pairs.

Aim: To practise Vocabulary Associated with Work through a series of written and communicative exercises.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by matching the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings.

answer key:

1. e 2. d 3. h 4. b 5. g 6. c 7. f 8. a 9. j 10. i

Exercise B: Next, students match the verbs from the previous exercise with their correct definition.

answer key:

1. earn 2. resign 3. commute 4. sack 5. retire
6. take on 7. apply 8. turn down 9. lay off 10. call off

Exercise C: Students then complete the sentences, choosing from the words provided.

answer key:

1. intern 2. employee 3. employer 4. applicant 5. colleague

Exercise D: After this, students complete the sentences using one of the verbs from the previous page (in the correct form) plus one of the words provided.

answer key:

1. earn, salary 6. called off, position
2. hire, experience 7. commuting, overtime
3. turn down, promotion 8. retired, career
4. sacked, part-time 9. applied, CV
5. lay off, unemployed 10. resigned, pay rise

Exercise E: i) Students then complete the conversation questions using the words provided. Once they've done this, they ask them to a partner.

answer key:

1. part-time 2. retire 3. salary 4. commute 5. promotion

ii) Lastly, students chat with their partner and rank their priorities when looking for a job, with 1 being most important and 6 being the least important. Afterwards, they compare their answers with another pair.