# **10** A working life

# Glossary

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- entrepreneur (n) /bntrəprə'n3:/
   sb who sets up a business The entrepreneur started a successful budget airline company.
   \* antreprenor
- **10.2** unpaid (adj) /,∧n'peɪd/ done without receiving payment • *His employer expected him to work unpaid overtime.* > payment (n), pay (v)
   **♦** neplătit ♥ Opp: paid

### Reading Pages 114-115

- 10.3 the big picture (expr) /ðə big 'piktfə(r)/ the situation as a whole, not just the details
  Before you accept the job, look at the big picture of whether you'll be making a difference in other people's lives.
  imagine de ansamblu
- set (adj) /set/
   steady; fixed As an office worker, he has a set working day of eight hours. > set (v)
   stabilit
- air traffic controller (n) /,eə træfık kən'trəʊlə(r)/
   sb who guides aircraft pilots by radio during landing and take-off The air traffic controller advised the pilot to land at another airport.
   controler de trafic aerian
- **10.6** graphic designer (n) /'græfɪk dɪ'zaɪnə(r)/ an artist who designs images for books, websites, etc. ● *The graphic designer created the logo for our website.* ◆ grafician
- 10.7 human resources manager (n) /,hjuːmən rɪ'sɔ:sız 'mænɪdʒə(r)/ a person in charge of dealing with matters related to a company's employees ● The human resources manager chose six people to interview for the job. ◆ manager de resurse umane Syn: personnel manager
- 10.8 electrical engineer (n) /I,lektrIkl end3I'nI∂(r)/ sb who designs and builds electrical equipment and systems • As an electrical engineer, you could be offered a post where you get to test systems for rockets and satellites!
   ♦ inginer de electricitate

- 10.9 bewildering (adj) /bɪ'wɪldərɪŋ/ confusing ● When I first started learning to code, it seemed like a bewildering mass of symbols. > bewildered (adj), bewilderment (n), bewilder (v) ❖ năucitor
- 10.10 on the cusp (expr) /on ðə k∧sp/ at the time or point where a state or situation changes and becomes sth else • She was on the cusp of completing her degree course and entering the world of work. ◆ pe punctul
- align (v) /ə'laın/
   be compatible with; match He prefers to work for a company that aligns with his ideas of social justice and fair play. >> alignment (v)
   ♦ alinia
- 10.12 strategically (adv) /strə'ti:dʒɪkli/ in a planned way ● *If you plan your studies strategically, spreading the work throughout the school year, you'll be more relaxed in the exams.* > strategy (n), strategic (adj)
   ♦ strategic
- achievable (adj) /a'tʃiːvəbl/ which can be achieved ● Our plans will be achievable with everyone's co-operation.
   > achieve (v), achievement (n) 
   realizabil
   © Opp: unachievable
- **10.14** absorbing (adj) /əb'zɔ:bɪŋ/ holding your interest ● *The book was so* absorbing that I lost track of the time and read it till the end. ➤ absorb (v), absorption (n)
   ❖ atractiv
- 10.15 commitment (n) /kə'mītmənt/ a responsibility to do sth ● *l can't go to evening* classes because *l have another commitment. l'm looking after my aunt's children.* > commit (v) ◆ angajament
- **10.16** place faith in (expr) /pleis feiθ in/ trust in; rely on ● Should you place faith in an agency to find you a job when you could be contacting companies directly? ❖ a-şi pune încrederea în t Also: put (your) faith in
- 10.17 buzzing (adj) /'bʌzɪŋ/ lively; full of activity and noise ● He enjoyed the buzzing atmosphere of the street market.
   > buzz (n, v) ◆ plin de viață

- 10.18 content (adj) /kən'tent/ happy with life ● He felt content working from home as he could spend time with his family.
   > content (n, v) ◆ mulţumit
- 10.19 career path (n) /kəˈrɪə pɑ:θ/ the jobs and training sb does to build a career
  Nick decided to leave the family business and follow his own career path as a musician.
  \$ carieră
- **10.20** enthusiasm (n) /ɪn'θjuːziæzm/ sth that you feel passionate about or very interested in ● *Art and music are her main enthusiasms.* ≻ enthusiastic (adj), enthusiastically (adv) ◆ entuziasm
- 10.21 integrate (v) /'IntrgreIt/ combine things so they work well together
   The architect managed to integrate the colours of the natural surroundings into the building design. ➤ integration (n), integral (adj), integrally (adv) ❖ integra
- 10.22 aptitude (n) /'æptɪtju:d/ a natural talent for doing sth ● All applicants for the course will need to take an aptitude test to assess their skill levels. > apt (adj), aptly (adv) ◆ aptitudine
- 10.23 intern (n) /'Int3:n/ a student or graduate who has a temporary work experience post ● Anna worked as an intern in a newspaper office while studying journalism. >> internship (n) \$
- **10.24** shadow (v) /'∫ædəʊ/ stay close to and observe sb who is doing a job that you want to learn to do ● As an intern, she had to shadow the team of architects.
   > shadow (n) \$ urmări
- 10.25 first-hand (adj) /,f3:st 'hænd/ directly; from personal experience ● Sally studied recent teaching theories and also got first-hand experience teaching adults.
   ♦ direct
- 10.26 necessity (n) /nə'sesəti/ sth that needs to be done or that sb must have
  There's no necessity for you to dress formally when you work from home.
  > necessary (adj), necessitate (v)
  ♦ necesitate
- **10.27** priority (n) /prar'brəti/ sth that sb considers more important or needs more attention than other things ● *Her top* priority was to find a career she would enjoy.
   > prioritise (v) ◆ prioritate
- 10.28 usefulness (n) /'ju:sflnəs/ the fact of how useful sth is ● He questioned the usefulness of the survey because the group of respondents was small. > useful (adj), usefully (adv) ◆ utilitate
- **10.29** genuinely (adv) /'dʒenjuɪnli/ seriously ● *I felt genuinely moved by your offer* of help. ➤ genuine (adj) � cu adevărat

# Vocabulary Page 116

- 10.30 vacancy (n) /'veɪkənsi/ an available job ● There is a vacancy at the local supermarket that I think I will apply for.
   > vacant (adj) ◆ post liber
- **10.31** administrator (n) /əd'mɪnɪstreɪtə(r)/ sb who is in charge of a business, an office, etc. ● Having years of experience, he was given the job of administrator in the sales team. > administer (v), administration (n)
   ❖ administrator
- 10.32 supplier (n) /sə'plaɪə(r)/
  a person or company who provides goods
  I ordered shoes online, directly from the supplier. > supply (n, v)
- agency (n) /'eɪdʒənsi/
   a business that provides a service for other people or companies The hotel hires seasonal workers through a recruitment agency. >> agent (n) � agenție
- 10.34 issue (v) /'ı∫uː/ give out sth officially • When he lost his credit card, he asked the bank to issue a new one. ≻ issue (n) ◆ emite
- 10.35 sick leave (n) /sik liv/ time you take off work because you are ill
  When Aldo caught the flu, he had to take a few days' sick leave. concediu medical
- 10.36 recruitment (n) /rɪ'kru:tmənt/ the process of finding and hiring new staff
  As chief editor, she is involved in staff recruitment to expand the team.
  recrutare
- **10.37** personnel (n) /,p3:sə'nel/ staff ● The human resources manager is in charge of hiring or firing company personnel.
   ☆ personal
- **10.38** statistical (adj) /stə'tɪstɪkl/ related to statistics ● We need statistical data to back up our theory. >> statistics (n pl), statistically (adv) � statistic
- 10.39 right (n) /raɪt/ sth you are legally allowed to do or have *Fair working conditions should be a basic human right.* ◆ drept
- 10.40 let down (phr v) /'let daon/ disappoint ● The suppliers let us down and failed to deliver the goods on time. > let-down (n) ♦ lăsa baltă
- **10.41** stationery (n) /'sterJ∂nri/ paper, pens, envelopes, etc. that are used for writing letters, taking notes, etc. • We order stationery for the office once a month from an online supplier. ◆ papetărie

- 10.42 literary (adj) /'lɪtərəri/ related to literature ● Debbie is studying the literary works of Jane Austen. >> literature (n)
   ☆ literar
- 10.43 hectic (adj) /'hektɪk/ very busy and rushed ● How do you manage to cope with your hectic work schedule? Don't you get a day off? ❖ foarte încărcat
- 10.44 minimum wage (n) /,miniməm 'weidʒ/ the lowest amount an employer can pay a worker by law ● He felt lucky to find his first job even though he only got the minimum wage.
  ☆ salariu minim
- 10.45 placement (n) /'pleIsmant/ a work position for a short time to practise doing a job, often as part of a training course
  In his final year at university, he did a teaching placement in a secondary school.
  > place (v) ◆ plasament
- 10.46 résumé (n) /'rezjuːmeɪ/ a record of work experience, qualifications and skills, etc. which sb uses to apply for work
  From the details on her résumé, she was obviously well-qualified for the job in the bank.
  ♦ CV S Also: CV (Curriculum Vitae)
- 10.47 supervisor (n) /'suːpəvaɪzə(r)/ sb who manages a work process or a team of staff ● Feeling dizzy, Helen asked her supervisor for a break. > supervise (v), supervision (n) ◆ supervizor
- tedious (adj) /'ti:diəs/
   boring and repetitive The conference consisted of long tedious presentations, making me wish I hadn't bothered going.
   > tedium, tediousness (n), tediously (adv)
   ♦ anost
- 10.49 textile (n) /'tekstaIl/ cloth; material ● Cotton is grown and harvested for the textile industry.
   ♦ material textil
- 10.50 retire (v) /rɪ'taɪə/ stop working, usually because you reach a certain age ● My grandfather retired from his job at 65, but still keeps busy doing voluntary work. > retirement, retiree (n), retired (adj)
   ♦ se pensiona

### Grammar Page 117

- **10.51** applicant (n) /'æplɪkənt/ sb who has applied for a job or other position *Four applicants were interviewed for the job.*
  - > apply (v), application (n)  $\diamond$  aplicant

### Listening Page 118

**10.52** promotion (n) /prə'məʊʃn/ a move to a more important job in a company or organisation ● Petra was pleased about her promotion from sales assistant to store manager. >> promote (v) ◆ promovare

### Speaking Page 119

- **10.53** candidate (n) /'kændɪdeɪt/ sb who is being considered for a job or place on a course ● *We'll interview the four best candidates for the job.* ◆ candidat
- 10.54 marketing (n) /'ma:kitiŋ/ the business of advertising and selling a company's products • If you enjoy travelling and are a good communicator, you could consider a career in marketing. \* marketing
- **10.55 executive** (n) /ɪgˈzekjətɪv/ a business official/representative ● *The company executives are having a planning meeting with the manager.* ◆ executiv

#### Grammar Page 120

- **10.56** glance (at) (v) /gla:ns (æt)/ look at sb/sth quickly ● *He glanced at the list of job vacancies on the website.* > glance (n)
   ❖ arunca o privire (asupra)
- **10.57 trip** (v) /trip/ accidentally catch your foot on sth and fall or nearly fall ● *When he tripped on the stairs, he fell and hurt his leg.* ≻ trip (n) **\$** se împiedica
- 10.58 cable (n) /'keɪbl/ a strong thick metal rope which acts as a power line ● *The road has been dug up to install new electric cables.* ◆ cablu
- 10.59 co-operative (n) /kəʊˈbpərətɪv/ a business owned jointly by the people involved, who share its profits ● We buy olive oil directly from the farmers' co-operative.
   > co-operative (adj), co-operatively (adv)
   ♦ cooperativă S Abbrev: co-op
- **10.60 Ioan** (n) /ləʊn/ money that sb borrows ● *He got a loan from the bank to buy a car.* ◆ împrumut
- 10.61 crop (n) /krop/ a plant grown on farms for food production
  The heavy storm destroyed this year's vegetable crops. ◆ recoltă

## Use your English Page 121

- 10.62 do the dirty work (expr) /du: ðə ,d3:ti 'w3:k/ do the unpleasant tasks As manager, he has to do the dirty work of firing people.
   ◆ face treburile murdare
- 10.63 do the donkey work (expr) /du: ðə ¦doŋki 'w3:k/
  do the difficult or heavy part of a job She sits around chatting all day while we do all the donkey work. It's not fair! ❖ face ce este mai greu
- **10.64** get worked up (expr) /get ,w3:kt '∧p/ become upset • Don't get so worked up about it! Let's calm down and discuss the problem.
   ♦ se supăra
- 10.65 make light work of (expr) /meɪk laɪt wɜːk əv/ do sth quickly and easily *If you help me, we can make light work of cleaning the house.* ◆ face rapid
- 10.66 work in progress (expr) /,w3:k In 'pr∂ogres/ a job that isn't completed yet 

   The company website is still a work in progress.
   ♦ lucru în curs
- 10.67 work my way up (expr) /,w3:k mai wei ∧p/ begin work in a low position in a company and keep getting promoted to higher levels ● Sarah had to work her way up from cleaning dishes to head chef. ◆ progresa în carieră
- 10.68 incapable (adj) /In'keɪpəbl/ not capable; not having the ability or qualities necessary for sth ● He has no leadership skills, so he's incapable of running the company. ◆ incapabil S Opp: capable
- 10.70 horrified (adj) /'horrfaɪd/ deeply shocked ● I was horrified to hear about the working conditions in the clothing factory.
   > horrific (adj), horrify (v) ♦ oripilat
- 10.71 eligible (adj) /'elɪcʒəbl/ qualified or able to do sth ● You need a degree in engineering to be eligible to apply for the job. > eligibility (n) ♦ eligibil
   © Opp: ineligible
- **10.72** derive from sth (phr v) /dɪ'raɪv frəm 'sʌmθιŋ/ come from • *The plot of the musical derives from the story of* Romeo and Juliet. ≻ derivative (n) � proveni din ceva
- 10.73 reliance (n) /rr'laɪəns/ dependence on sb/sth ● *It's useful to have a* range of skills to avoid reliance on just one line of work. ➤ rely (v), reliable, reliant (adj)
   ♦ dependență

- 10.74 flexible (adj) /'fleksıbl/ which can be changed easily ● The company offers flexible working hours, which may benefit workers with young children.
   > flexibility (n) ◆ flexibil
- **10.75** approach (n) /ə'prəʊtʃ/ a way of thinking about or doing sth ● Our new manager has a very logical approach to dealing with problems. ➤ approach (v)
   ❖ abordare
- 10.76 digital nomad (n) /'dɪdʒɪtl 'nəʊmæd/ sb who can travel around and work online from any location ● Amanda left her office job in London and became a digital nomad working from her camper van around the world.
   > nomadic (adj) \$ nomad digital
- 10.77 decent (adj) /'disnt/ acceptable; not bad ● I don't mind doing tedious work as long as they give me a decent salary. >> decency (n) ◆ acceptabil
- **10.78** set (yourself) up as (phr v) /set (jɔː'self) ∧p əz/ declare and establish yourself as ● *The travel* agency has set itself up as an ecotourism specialist. ◆ se declara
- 10.79 visa (n) /'vi:zə/

   a proof of official permission to enter or stay in
   a foreign country UK residents require a visa
   if they wish to stay more than 90 days in the
   EU. ◆ viză
- 10.80 follow suit (expr) /'fɒləʊ su:t/ do sth the way that sb else has just done
  When one supermarket chain began giving out loyalty cards, all the others followed suit.
  ♦ imita

#### **Expressions**

at your convenienceon the cuspdo the dirty workplace faith in (sb/sth)do the donkey workset yourself up asfollow suittake advantage ofget worked upwork in progressmake light work ofwork my way up

#### Work nouns

agency	duty	recruitment
career path	leadership skills	reference
careers fair	loan	résumé
commitment	marketing	right
committee	minimum wage	sick leave
co-operative	placement	vacancy
crop	promotion	visa

### Writing Pages 122–123

- 10.81 yours faithfully (expr) /jɔ:z 'feɪθfəli/ with respect; the standard most formal ending for a letter before signing it when you have addressed somebody as 'Dear Sir/Dear Madam,' etc. and not by their name ● *It's respectful to end business letters with 'yours faithfully'.* ◆ cu stimă
- 10.82 yours sincerely (expr) /jɔːz sɪn'sɪəli/ with respect; the standard most formal ending for a letter before signing it when you have addressed the recipient by their name • My friend would think something was wrong if I sent her an email ending 'yours sincerely'.
  \$ cu stimă
- 10.83 careers fair (n) /kəˈrɪəz feə(r)/ a type of exhibition where jobhunters can meet employers who are recruiting staff
  The university is hosting a careers fair for graduates to meet potential employers.
  \$ târg de cariere
- at your convenience (expr) /æt jo: kən'vi:ni:əns/ as soon as you prefer or can ● Please send us your résumé at your earliest convenience.
   > convenient (adj) ◆ când îți este convenabil
- 10.85 grant (n) /gra:nt/ money you get from the government to study
  She received a small grant to pay for part of her studies. ♦ bursă
- **10.86** outcome (n) /'aʊtkʌm/ result ● *It is hoped the outcome of the Mars mission will be a success.* ◆ rezultat
- fulfilling (adj) /fʊlˈfɪlɪŋ/ which makes you feel useful and satisfies your needs • He's happy with his fulfilling job as a music teacher. ➤ fulfil (v), fulfilment (n)
   satisfăcător
- **10.88** academic (adj) /ækə'demīk/ related to education and studying ● Her academic record improved after taking extra tutorials. ➤ academic, academy (n)
   ❖ academic
- 10.89 take advantage of (expr) /terk əd'va:ntrdy əv/ make the most of an opportunity to do sth
  They took advantage of the sunny weather and spent a few days camping. ♦ profita de
- 10.90 duty (n) /'dju:ti/ a responsibility, especially of a job ● One of her duties at the summer camp was to supervise the children during outings.
  ☆ datorie
- 10.91 committee (n) /kə'mɪti/ an official group set up to perform a task or make decisions • She's our class representative on the students' committee.
   comitet

**10.92** reference (n) /'refrəns/

a letter with information about you, written by sb who knows you, especially to a new employer ● *My English tutor wrote me a reference to help me get a place on the summer course.* ➤ refer (v) ❖ recomandare

- 10.93 leadership skills (n pl) /'li:dəʃɪp skilz/ qualities that make sb a good leader ● A team coach needs to have great leadership skills.
   ♦ abilități de lider
- 10.94 extra-curricular (adj) /,ekstrəkə'rıkjələ(r)/ outside the usual school timetable Some students take part in so many extra-curricular activities that they have little or no free time.
   ◆ extra-curicular 

   Opp: curricular

#### Adjectives

absorbing	eligible	literary
academic	extra-curricular	set
accustomed	first-hand	statistical
achievable	flexible	tedious
bewildering	fulfilling	unpaid
buzzing	hectic	
content	horrified	
decent	incapable	

### Video Page 124

- **10.95** gaucho (n) /'gaʊtʃəʊ/ a South American cowboy ● Gauchos drive cattle on the pampas. ◆ gaucho
- 10.96 freak out (phr v) /friːk aʊt/ suddenly feel shocked; become angry ● The boss will freak out when she sees the damage to the company car. ◆ se înfuria
- **10.97** passage (n) /'pæsidʒ/ a road or path through a space between two high places ● They followed the narrow track through the passage in the rocks.
   ☆ pasaj
- **10.99** videographer (n) /,vɪdi'bgrəfə(r)/ sb whose job is to make videos ● *The* videographer captured the traditional dancers on film. ◆ videograf

#### **Phrasal verbs**

derive from sth	let (sb) down
freak out	run over

#### People and jobs

administrator
air traffic controller
applicant
candidate
digital nomad
electrical engineer
entrepreneur

executive gaucho graphic designer human resources manager personnel supervisor supplier