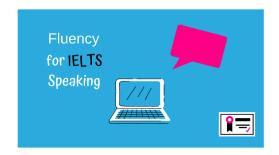


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# **Essential Vocabulary**

What's the difference between JOB and WORK?

Job (n.) Countable

I have two jobs and I like both of them.

Work (n.) Uncountable

I have a lot of work to do

We can make 'work' countable by adding 'a piece of' - the same way we make other words countable like news, advice, information

I have a piece of work / advice / news / information for you

We can also use 'work' as a countable noun when talking about art or possibly literature.

This is a work of art by Picasso (Countable) His works are great. (Countable)



#### **Collocations**

Work is also a verb (v.)

To work hard

To work part time / full time

Work <u>from</u> home = to work remotely = I like working virtually

I have a well paid job / badly paid job

A white collar job = indoors, office job (banker)
A blue collar job = outdoors, manual job (mechanic)

I work shifts (work specific hours of the day)

As a doctor I sometimes have to work the **night shift** 

It's **arduous work** = *difficult / hard*It's **rewarding work** = *you enjoy it and it is satisf*ying

This is **a sterling piece of work** = *fantastic*This is **a shoddy piece of work** = *terrible, low quality* 

I know this report is **shoddy**, but I was up all night **burning the midnight oil** (working late into the night) all to **meet my deadlines**, and I know it's not **up to scratch** (good enough), but please **give me some slack** (give me a break, take some pressure off me!)

#### **Phrasal Verbs**

Phrasal verbs are vey common in spoken English.

Basically it is where the meaning of a verb is changed by adding a preposition

#### For example:

To speak = to talk, say something To speak up = to speak more loudly

**To put** = to place something somewhere **To put off** = to delay something

Here are some more examples of phrasal verbs that can be used when talking about jobs.

I put in a lot of work (=to do)

I have **taken on** too much work (=start / accept)

Let's **get down to** work (=begin)

# What job do you do?

I work <b>as a</b> (teacher, builder, banker)  I work <b>in</b> (sales/ marketing/educationTHE FIELD)  I work <b>in a</b> (hospital, school, bankPLACE)  I work <b>for</b> (Amazon, a multinational company)				
What do you like about your job?				
I love the fact that I can				
Well, it's good because I get to				
What I really like about my job is				
What would be your ideal job? Why?				
My ideal / target / dream job is <b>to work as a</b> (carpent astronaut)	er,			
I wish I worked				
I would love to be a/an				
I long to be a / an				

# **Listening Practice**

Watch the video and answer the first question.

# 1. What is my ideal job?

Also try to fill in the gaps below with the correct collocation.

2.	Put on a	
3.	To my	
4.	The adrenaline _	
5.	Financial	
<b>ô</b> .	It's more of a	than a passion

Answers at the bottom of the page

Watch a full grammatical analysis of this sample answer here

### **Idioms about Jobs**

Here are a number of idioms that can be used when talking about jobs and work.

This job suits me down to the ground (=it's 100% match / perfect for me)

She never **does** a **stroke** of **work** (=she is so lazy, does the least work possible)

She doesn't **pull her weight** (=she is too lazy)

I like to **pull my weight** (=to work hard, do what I am responsible for)

He made light work of it (=he did it easily)

This job is a cushy number (=it's an easy job)

It's not a great job, but at least I can **get a foot in the door** (=start working in a company - with a view to getting a higher position there)

I have hit a glass ceiling (=invisible barrier), I can't go any further in this company

I have a lot on my plate (= I am very busy)

## **Student's Questions**

### Keith, tell us about an awkward moment at your work

I'd like to tell you about a time when I took my boss for a meeting but the people we met didn't **turn up** (=to appear)

Now, this is going back quite a while.

It **must have been** or about six years ago.

I was working as a project manager at that time, for an educational institution and I was organising a project where we helped teachers in their schools and I had to go with my boss to meet a local government official.

What happened is, I was responsible for setting up the meeting and organising the discussion, the content, the agenda, and all the follow up points.

So, I spent a lot of time meticulously working out the agenda, setting up all the details, and I even agreed on the location, the date, but absentmindedly, I forgot to double check with the government official the day before, that the meeting was still on.

So, the day of the meeting, I got into car with my boss. We drove down to the government office. We arrived **just on time** and then said that we were ready to meet Mr X, but **we were told that** Mr X was not there

that he wasn't aware (didn't know) there was a meeting.

My boss said to me, 'did you telephone this morning to double check we had a meeting?'

And I was so embarrassed because I hadn't and it was a rookie mistake (=a mistake a beginner makes), like a beginner's mistake.

The first thing I should have done was to check the meeting.

I was so embarrassed because the meeting was cancelled.

It **turned out** to be **a total waste of time** for my boss who was rather angry and we drove back in complete silence to the office.

#### **Listening Practice : Answers**

- 1. I want to be an actor
- 2. Put on a play
- 3. To my <u>surprise</u>
- 4. The adrenaline <u>rush</u>
- 5. Financial instability
- 6. It's more of a whim