# 10 A working life

# Glossary

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- 10.1 entrepreneur (n) /ontrəprə'nɜː/
   sb who sets up a business The entrepreneur
   started a successful budget airline company.
   ❖ entrepreneur
- 10.2 unpaid (adj) /ˌʌn'peɪd/ done without receiving payment ● His employer expected him to work unpaid overtime. ➤ payment (n), pay (v) ❖ sans rémunération, à titre bénévole ⑤ Opp: paid

### Reading Pages 114-115

- the big picture (expr) /ðə big 'pikt∫ə(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.
  ♣ la situation dans son ensemble
- 10.4 set (adj) /set/ steady; fixed • As an office worker, he has a set working day of eight hours. ➤ set (v) \* établir
- air traffic controller (n) /ˌeə træfɪk
  kənˈtrəʊlə(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.

  contrôleur du trafic aérien
- 10.6 graphic designer (n) /ˈgræfɪk dɪˈzaɪnə(r)/
  an artist who designs images for books,
  websites, etc. The graphic designer created
  the logo for our website. ❖ concepteur
  graphique
- 10.7 human resources manager (n) /<sub>i</sub>hjuːmən rɪˈsɔːsɪz ˈmænɪdʒə(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. ❖ responsable des ressources humaines Syn: personnel manager
- 10.8 electrical engineer (n) /ɪˌlektrɪkl endʒɪˈnɪə(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!
  ❖ ingénieur électrique

- to.9 bewildering (adj) /br'wrldərɪŋ/
  confusing When I first started learning to
  code, it seemed like a bewildering mass of
  symbols. ➤ bewildered (adj), bewilderment (n),
  bewilder (v) ❖ déconcertant(e), déroutant(e)
- 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. ❖ sur le point de
- align (v) /ə'laɪn/
  be compatible with; match He prefers to
  work for a company that aligns with his ideas
  of social justice and fair play. ➤ alignment (v)
  s' s'aligner
- 10.12 strategically (adv) /strəˈtiːdʒɪkli/
  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)
  ❖ stratégiquement
- achievable (adj) /ə'tʃiːvəbl/
  which can be achieved Our plans will be
  achievable with everyone's co-operation.

  > achieve (v), achievement (n) ❖ atteignable,
  réaliste ⑤ Opp: unachievable
- absorbing (adj) /əbˈzɔːbɪŋ/
  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)
  absorbant(e), captivant(e)
- 10.15 commitment (n) /kəˈmɪtmənt/
  a responsibility to do sth / can't go to evening
  classes because I have another commitment.
  I'm looking after my aunt's children.
  > commit (v) ❖ engagement
- 10.16 place faith in (expr) /pleɪs feɪθ ɪn/
  trust in; rely on Should you place faith in
  an agency to find you a job when you could
  be contacting companies directly? ❖ faire
  confiance à ጫ 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) ❖ bruyant(e)

- 10.18 content (adj) /kənˈtent/
  happy with life He felt content working from
  home as he could spend time with his family.

  > content (n, v) ❖ content(e), satisfait(e)
- 10.19 career path (n) /kəˈrɪə pɑːθ/
  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.
  ❖ parcours professionnel, plan de carrière
- 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) ❖ enthousiasme
- integrate (v) /'IntIgreIt/
  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) ❖ intégrer
- aptitude (n) /ˈæptɪtjuːd/
  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) ❖ aptitude
- 10.23 intern (n) /¹ɪntɜːn/ 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) ❖ stagiaire
- shadow (v) /'ʃædəʊ/
  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) ❖ rester dans l'ombre
- 10.25 first-hand (adj) /ˌfɜːst 'hænd/ directly; from personal experience ● Sally studied recent teaching theories and also got first-hand experience teaching adults. ❖ direct(e), de première main
- necessity (n) /nəˈsesəti/
  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)
  necessité
- 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) ❖ priorité
- 10.28 usefulness (n) /ˈjuːsflnəs/
  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) ❖ utilité
- **10.29 genuinely** (adv) /'dʒenjuɪnli/ seriously • *I felt genuinely moved by your offer* of help. ➤ genuine (adj) ❖ réellement

### Vocabulary Page 116

- vacancy (n) /'veɪkənsi/
   an available job There is a vacancy at the local supermarket that I think I will apply for.
   vacant (adj) ❖ poste à pourvoir
- administrator (n) /ədˈmɪnɪstreɪtə(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)

  administrateur/administratrice, gestionnaire
- **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) ❖ fournisseur
- 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) ❖ agence
- 10.34 issue (v) /'ɪʃuː/
  give out sth officially When he lost his credit
  card, he asked the bank to issue a new one.

  > issue (n) ❖ émettre
- sick leave (n) /sɪk liːv/ time you take off work because you are ill
  When Aldo caught the flu, he had to take a few days' sick leave. ❖ arrêt maladie
- 10.36 recruitment (n) /rɪˈkruːtmənt/
  the process of finding and hiring new staff
  As chief editor, she is involved in staff recruitment to expand the team.
  ❖ recrutement
- 10.37 personnel (n) /,pɜːsəˈnel/
  staff The human resources manager is in
  charge of hiring or firing company personnel.
  ❖ personnel
- 10.38 statistical (adj) /stəˈtɪstɪkl/
  related to statistics We need statistical
  data to back up our theory. ➤ statistics (n pl),
  statistically (adv) ❖ statistique
- 10.39 right (n) /raɪt/
  sth you are legally allowed to do or have
   Fair working conditions should be a basic human right. ❖ droit
- 10.40 let down (phr v) /'let daʊn/
  disappoint The suppliers let us down and
  failed to deliver the goods on time. ➤ let-down
  (n) ❖ décevoir, laisser tomber
- 10.41 stationery (n) /'ster∫ənri/
  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. ❖ (articles de) papeterie

- 10.42 literary (adj) /ˈlɪtərəri/
  related to literature Debbie is studying the
  literary works of Jane Austen. ➤ literature (n)
  ❖ littéraire
- 10.43 hectic (adj) /'hektrk/ very busy and rushed ● How do you manage to cope with your hectic work schedule? Don't you get a day off? ❖ trépidant(e), mouvementé(e)
- 10.44 minimum wage (n) /ˌmɪnɪməm ˈweɪdʒ/
  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.
  ❖ salaire minimum
- 10.45 placement (n) /'pleɪsmənt/
  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) ❖ affectation
- 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 
  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) ❖ superviseur
- 10.48 tedious (adj) /'tiːdiəs/ boring and repetitive ● The conference consisted of long tedious presentations, making me wish I hadn't bothered going. > tedium, tediousness (n), tediously (adv) ◆ pénible, fastidieux/fastidieuse
- 10.49 textile (n) /'tekstail/
  cloth; material Cotton is grown and
  harvested for the textile industry. ❖ textile
- 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)
  ♣ prendre sa retraite

#### Grammar Page 117

applicant (n) /'æplɪkənt/
sb who has applied for a job or other position
• Four applicants were interviewed for the job.

> apply (v), application (n) ❖ candidat(e)

### Listening Page 118

10.52 promotion (n) /prəˈməʊʃn/
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) ❖ promotion

## 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(e)
- 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. ❖ cadre

#### 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) • parcourir, jeter un œil (à/sur)
- 10.57 trip (v) /trɪp/
  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) ❖ trébucher
- 10.58 cable (n) /ˈkeɪbl/
  a strong thick metal rope which acts as a
  power line The road has been dug up to
  install new electric cables. ❖ câble
- 10.59 co-operative (n) /kəʊˈɒpərətɪv/
  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)

  coopérative Shbrev: co-op
- 10.60 loan (n) /ləʊn/ money that sb borrows ● He got a loan from the bank to buy a car. ❖ prêt
- 10.61 crop (n) /krpp/
  a plant grown on farms for food production
   The heavy storm destroyed this year's vegetable crops. ❖ culture, récolte

### Use your English Page 121

- do the dirty work (expr) /duː ðə ˌdɜːti ˈwɜːk/ do the unpleasant tasks As manager, he has to do the dirty work of firing people.
   ❖ faire le sale boulot
- do the donkey work (expr) /duː ðə ˌˈdɒŋki ˈwɜːk/
  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! ❖ s'acquitter de la lourde besogne
- 10.64 get worked up (expr) /get ˌwɜːkt 'ʌp/ become upset Don't get so worked up about it! Let's calm down and discuss the problem.
   ❖ s'énerver, se prendre la tête
- 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.
   ❖ alléger la tâche
- 10.66 work in progress (expr) /,w3:k ɪn 'prəʊgres/ a job that isn't completed yet The company website is still a work in progress. ❖ travail en cours
- 10.67 work my way up (expr) /<sub>1</sub>w3:k maɪ weɪ ∧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. ❖ progresser, être promu(e)
- 10.68 incapable (adj) /ɪnˈkeɪpəbl/
  not capable; not having the ability or qualities
  necessary for sth He has no leadership
  skills, so he's incapable of running the
  company. ❖ incapable ◎ Opp: capable
- **10.69** accustomed (adj) /ə'kʌstəmd/
  used to sth He used to have a private office,
  so he's not accustomed to sharing a room with
  others. ❖ habitué(e) à ◎ Opp: unaccustomed
- 10.70 horrified (adj) /'horrifaid/ deeply shocked ● I was horrified to hear about the working conditions in the clothing factory. > horrific (adj), horrify (v) ❖ horrifié(e)
- 10.71 eligible (adj) /'elɪʤəbl/
  qualified or able to do sth You need a degree
  in engineering to be eligible to apply for the
  job. ➤ eligibility (n) ❖ éligible, admissible

  © Opp: ineligible
- derive from sth (phr v) /dr'raɪv frəm 'sʌmθɪŋ/ come from The plot of the musical derives from the story of Romeo and Juliet.
   ⇒ derivative (n) ❖ découler de qq chose
- 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)

  ❖ dépendance

- 10.74 flexible (adj) /'fleksɪbl/ which can be changed easily ● The company offers flexible working hours, which may benefit workers with young children. > flexibility (n) ❖ flexible
- approach (n) /əˈprəʊtʃ/
  a way of thinking about or doing sth Our
  new manager has a very logical approach
  to dealing with problems. ➤ approach (v)
  approche
- 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) ❖ nomade numérique
- 10.77 decent (adj) /'diːsnt/
  acceptable; not bad I don't mind doing
  tedious work as long as they give me a decent
  salary. ➤ decency (n) ❖ décent(e)
- 10.78 set (yourself) up as (phr v) /set (jɔːˈself) ∧p əz/
  declare and establish yourself as The travel
  agency has set itself up as an ecotourism
  specialist. ❖ se déclarer en tant que,
  s'improviser
- 10.79 visa (n) /'viːzə/
  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. ❖ visa
- 10.80 follow suit (expr) /ˈfoləʊ suːt/
  do sth the way that sb else has just done

   When one supermarket chain began giving out loyalty cards, all the others followed suit.

  ❖ suivre, faire de même

#### **Expressions**

at your convenience on the cusp
do the dirty work place faith in (sb/sth)
do the donkey work set yourself up as
follow suit take advantage of
get worked up work in progress
make light work of work my way up

#### Work nouns

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

# Writing Pages 122-123

- yours faithfully (expr) /jɔːz ˈfeɪθfəli/
  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'. ❖ bien à vous, cordialement
- 10.82 yours sincerely (expr) /jɔ:z 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'.
  ❖ bien à vous, cordialement
- 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.
  - salon des métiers
- 10.84 at your convenience (expr) /æt jɔː kən'viːniːəns/
   as soon as you prefer or can Please send us your résumé at your earliest convenience.
   ➤ convenient (adj) ❖ à votre convenance
- 10.85 grant (n) /grɑːnt/
  money you get from the government to study
  She received a small grant to pay for part of her studies. ❖ subvention, bourse
- 10.86 outcome (n) /ˈaʊtkʌm/
  result It is hoped the outcome of the Mars
  mission will be a success. ❖ résultat
- 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)
  statisfaisant(e), gratifiant(e)
- 10.88 academic (adj) /ækə'demɪk/
  related to education and studying Her
  academic record improved after taking extra
  tutorials. ➤ academic, academy (n)

  académique
- 10.89 take advantage of (expr) /teik əd'vɑːntɪdʒ əv/ make the most of an opportunity to do sth
  They took advantage of the sunny weather and spent a few days camping.
  ❖ profiter de
- 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. ❖ devoir
- 10.91 committee (n) /kəˈmɪti/
  an official group set up to perform a task
  or make decisions She's our class
  representative on the students' committee.
  ❖ comité

- 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) ❖ (courrier de) références
- 10.93 leadership skills (n pl) /ˈliːdəʃɪp skɪlz/
  qualities that make sb a good leader A team
  coach needs to have great leadership skills.

  ❖ compétences en leadership
- 10.94 extra-curricular (adj) /ˌekstrəkəˈrɪkjələ(r)/ outside the usual school timetable Some students take part in so many extra-curricular activities that they have little or no free time.
   ❖ parascolaire, extrascolaire ⑤ Opp: curricular

#### **Adjectives**

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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) /ˈgaʊtʃəʊ/ 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. ❖ paniquer
- 10.97 passage (n) /'pæsɪʤ/
  a road or path through a space between
  two high places They followed the narrow
  track through the passage in the rocks.

  ❖ passage
- 10.98 run over (phr v) /rʌn 'əʊvə(r)/
  hit sb/sth with a car, bus, lorry, etc. I dropped
  my phone on the road and it's been run over
  by a bus. ❖ écraser, rouler sur
- 10.99 videographer (n) /ˌvɪdiˈbgrəfə(r)/ sb whose job is to make videos ● The videographer captured the traditional dancers on film. ❖ vidéaste.

#### Phrasal verbs

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

#### People and jobs

administrator executive air traffic controller gaucho

applicant graphic designer candidate human resources manager

digital nomad electrical engineer personnel supervisor

entrepreneur supplier