# 10 A working life

# Glossary

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- 10.1 entrepreneur (n) /ontrepre'n₃ː/
   sb who sets up a business The entrepreneur started a successful budget airline company.
   ❖ imprenditore
- 10.2 unpaid (adj) /ˌʌn'peɪd/ done without receiving payment ● His employer expected him to work unpaid overtime. ➤ payment (n), pay (v) ♣ gratuito 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.
  il quadro generale
- 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.

  ❖ controllore di volo
- **10.6 graphic designer** (n) /'græfik dr'zaɪnə(r)/ an artist who designs images for books, websites, etc. *The graphic designer created the logo for our website.* ❖ grafico
- 10.7 human resources manager (n) /ˌhjuːmən 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.* ❖ responsabile risorse umane ⑤ Syn: personnel manager
- electrical engineer (n) /I,lektrIkl endʒI'nIə(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!

  ingegnere elettrico

- 10.9 bewildering (adj) /br'wrldərrη/
  confusing When I first started learning to
  code, it seemed like a bewildering mass of
  symbols. ➤ bewildered (adj), bewilderment (n),
  bewilder (v) ❖ sconcertante
- 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. ❖ sull'orlo di
- 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)

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- 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)

  strategicamente
- achievable (adj) /ə'tʃi:vəbl/
  which can be achieved Our plans will be
  achievable with everyone's co-operation.

  > achieve (v), achievement (n) ❖ raggiungibile

  © Opp: unachievable
- 10.14 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)

  ❖ avvincente
- 10.15 commitment (n) /kəˈmɪtmənt/
  a responsibility to do sth I can't go to evening classes because I have another commitment.
  I'm looking after my aunt's children.
  ➤ commit (v) ❖ impegno
- 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? ❖ riporre
  fiducia in Also: put (your) faith in
- 10.17 buzzing (adj) /'b∧zɪŋ/
  lively; full of activity and noise He enjoyed
  the buzzing atmosphere of the street market.

  > buzz (n, ν) ❖ animato

- 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) ❖ soddisfatto
- 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.
  ❖ percorso professionale
- 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) ❖ entusiasmo
- 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) ❖ integrare
- 10.22 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) ❖ atteggiamento
- 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) ❖ tirocinante
- 10.24 shadow (v) /ˈʃædəʊ/
  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) ❖ essere l'ombra di
- first-hand (adj) /ˌfɜːst 'hænd/ directly; from personal experience ● Sally studied recent teaching theories and also got first-hand experience teaching adults.
  ❖ diretto
- 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)
  ❖ necessità
- 10.27 priority (n) /prar'breti/
  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) ❖ priorità
- 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) ❖ utilità
- **10.29 genuinely** (adv) /'dʒenjuɪnli/ seriously • *I felt genuinely moved by your offer* of help. ➤ genuine (adj) ❖ con sincerità

## 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) ❖ posto libero
- 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)

  amministratore
- **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) ❖ fornitore
- 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) ❖ agenzia
- 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) ❖ emanare, emettere
- 10.35 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. ❖ congedo di malattia
- 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.
  ❖ selezione, assunzione
- 10.37 personnel (n) /ˌpɜːsəˈnel/
  staff The human resources manager is in
  charge of hiring or firing company personnel.
  personale
- 10.38 statistical (adj) /stəˈtɪstɪkl/
  related to statistics We need statistical
  data to back up our theory. ➤ statistics (n pl),
  statistically (adv) ❖ statistico
- 10.39 right (n) /raɪt/
  sth you are legally allowed to do or have
   Fair working conditions should be a basic human right. ❖ diritto
- 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) ❖ abbandonare

- 10.41 stationery (n) /'steɪʃənri/
  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. ❖ cancelleria
- 10.42 literary (adj) /ˈlɪtərəri/
  related to literature Debbie is studying the
  literary works of Jane Austen. ➤ literature (n)
  ♦ letterario
- 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? ❖ frenetico
- 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.
  ❖ salario minimo
- 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) ❖ inserimento
- résumé (n) /ˈrezjuːmeɪ/
  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.
  curriculum SAlso: CV (Curriculum Vitae)
- 10.47 supervisor (n) /'su:pəvaɪzə(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) ❖ supervisore
- 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) ♣ noioso
- 10.49 textile (n) /'tekstaɪl/
  cloth; material Cotton is grown and
  harvested for the textile industry.
   ❖ materiale tessile
- 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)
  ♣ andare in pensione

#### Grammar Page 117

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

> apply (v), application (n) ❖ candidato

## 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) ❖ promozione

# 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. ❖ candidato
- 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. ❖ dirigente,
  rappresentante

#### Grammar Page 120

- 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) ❖ inciampare
- a strong thick metal rope which acts as a power line The road has been dug up to install new electric cables. ❖ cavo
- 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)

  cooperativa 
  Abbrev: co-op
- 10.60 loan (n) /ləʊn/ money that sb borrows ● He got a loan from the bank to buy a car. ❖ prestito
- 10.61 crop (n) /krop/
  a plant grown on farms for food production
   The heavy storm destroyed this year's vegetable crops. ❖ coltivazione

### 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.
   ❖ fare il lavoro sporco
- 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! ❖ fare la parte meno interessante di un lavoro
- 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.
  ❖ infastidirsi
- 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.
   trasformare in una passeggiata
- 10.66 work in progress (expr) /<sub>i</sub>w3:k In 'prəʊgres/ a job that isn't completed yet *The company website is still a work in progress.* ❖ layoro in corso
- 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. ❖ farsi strada, scalare
- not capable (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. ❖ incapace Spp: 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. ❖ abituato ◎ 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) ❖ sconvolto, inorridito
- 10.71 eligible (adj) /ˈelɪʤəbl/
  qualified or able to do sth You need a degree
  in engineering to be eligible to apply for the
  job. ➤ eligibility (n) ❖ ammissibile, che ha il
  diritto di ☜ Opp: ineligible
- 10.72 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) ❖ derivare da
- 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) ♣ dipendenza, affidamento

- 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) ❖ flessibile
- 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)
  approccio
- 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 digitale
- decent (adj) /'dissnt/
  acceptable; not bad I don't mind doing
  tedious work as long as they give me a decent
  salary. ➤ decency (n) ❖ decente
- 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. ❖ stabilirsi
- 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. ❖ visto
- 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.

  ♣ fare la stessa cosa

#### **Expressions**

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

#### Work nouns

agency duty recruitment career path leadership skills reference careers fair loan résumé commitment marketing riaht committee minimum wage 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'. ❖ Distinti saluti
- 10.82 yours sincerely (expr) /jɔːz sɪnˈsɪəli/ 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'.
  ❖ Cordiali saluti
- 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
  - The university is nosting a careers fair for graduates to meet potential employers.
  - fiera del lavoro
- 10.84 at your convenience (expr) /æt jɔː kənˈviːniːəns/
   as soon as you prefer or can Please send us your résumé at your earliest convenience.
   ➤ convenient (adj) ❖ quando (le) è più comodo
- 10.85 grant (n) /graːnt/
  money you get from the government to study
  She received a small grant to pay for part of her studies. ❖ borsa di studio
- 10.86 outcome (n) /ˈaʊtkʌm/
  result It is hoped the outcome of the Mars
  mission will be a success. ❖ risultato
- 10.88 academic (adj) /ækə'demɪk/
  related to education and studying Her
  academic record improved after taking extra
  tutorials. ➤ academic, academy (n)

  academico
- 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.
  ❖ approfittare di
- 10.90 duty (n) /'djuːti/ a responsibility, especially of a job ● One of her duties at the summer camp was to supervise the children during outings. ❖ dovere
- 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.
  ❖ comitato

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

  ❖ competenze di 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.
  ❖ extra-curricolare ◎ Opp: curricular

#### **Adjectives**

absorbing eliaible literary academic extra-curricular set statistical accustomed first-hand achievable flexible tedious bewildering fulfillina unpaid hectic buzzing 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) /fri:k aʊt/
  suddenly feel shocked; become angry The
  boss will freak out when she sees the damage
  to the company car. ❖ spaventarsi
- 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. ❖ passaggio
- 10.98 run over (phr v) /rʌn ˈəʊvə(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. ❖ investire
- 10.99 videographer (n) /ˌvɪdi'ɒgrəfə(r)/ sb whose job is to make videos ● The videographer captured the traditional dancers on film. ❖ professionista video

#### 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