

## Work and Employment vocabulary in English

When we learn a new language, it's important to ensure that we build up a good level of vocabulary in addition to just learning the grammar rules.

### Union Vocabulary

Demonstration – an act of showing someone how something is used or done.

Reforms – an action, plan, rule, etc., that is meant to improve something.

Strike – a period of time when workers stop work in order to force an employer to agree to their demands.

Boycott – to refuse to buy, use, or participate in (something) as a way of protesting.

### Employment Vocabulary

Employee – a person who works for another person or for a company for wages or a salary.

Employer – a person or company that has people who do work for wages or a salary : a person or company that has employees.

Worker – a person who does a particular job to earn money.

Apprentice – a person who learns a job or skill by working for a fixed period of time for someone who is very good at that job or skill.

Trainee – a person who is being trained for a job.

Intern – a student or recent graduate who works for a period of time at a job in order to get experience.

Full-time job – working the full number of hours considered normal or standard. Normally 8.

Part-time job – working or involving fewer hours than is considered normal or standard.

Shifts – the scheduled period of time during which a person works.

Overtime – time spent working at your job that is in addition to your normal working hours.

Flexitime – a system in which employees are required to work a certain number of hours but are allowed to choose their own times for starting and finishing work.

Occupation – the work that a person does : a person's job or profession.

Profession – a type of job that requires special education, training, or skill.

Earn your living – to get (money, a salary, etc.) for work that you have done.

To get a raise – to receive an increase in the amount of your pay.

Promotion – the act of promoting someone or something: such as a : the act of moving someone to a higher or more important position or rank in an organization.

Maternity leave – not going to work for a specific period of time since you have just given birth.

Salary – an amount of money that an employee is paid each year.

Wage – very similar to salary: an amount of money that a worker is paid based on the number of hours, days, etc., that are worked.

## Unemployment Vocabulary

Period of notice – a statement telling someone that an agreement, job, etc., will end soon.

To be unemployed – to be without a job.

To be out of work – to be without a job.

To be on the dole – money that a government gives to people who do not have jobs or who are very poor.

To fire somebody – to dismiss (someone) from a job.

To sack somebody – to dismiss (someone) from a job.

To make somebody redundant – dismissed from a job because you are no longer needed.

To hand in one's notice – to give your boss a statement telling someone that an agreement, job, etc., will end soon.

To resign – to give up (a job or position) in a formal or official way.

To quit – to leave (a job, school, career, etc.).

Unemployment benefit – money that is paid by a company (such as an insurance company) or by a government when someone dies, becomes sick, stops working, etc.