

Work Field

What do you do for a living?

To make a living (it's difficult to make a living as a freelance photographer)

To work shifts ... to be on the night shift

To be on flexi-time

To work full time/part time

To work nine-to five

To do/work overtime : Do you get paid extra for doing overtime?

To go/be on strike

To get the sack/ to be sacked/to sack sb

To be fired (more formal than to be sacked)

To be dismissed (more formal than to be fired)

To be made redundant (no longer needed)

The company had to take cutbacks so you're made redundant

To give up work (in order to look after your children)

To be on / to take maternity leave

To be on/ to take sick leave

To take early retirement

To have/take/get a day off

To be a workaholic

To be promoted

To ask for a raise

To apply for a job

To Commute / a commuter : How long does it take you to commute to work?

Phrasal verbs :

Our company **closed down**. We were all made redundant (stop operating)

Then, one day, I woke up and thought: "I am going to **set up** my own business"

(start a business , organisation..)

Caja de Ahorros de Asturias is planning to **take over** Caja Castilla-La Mancha

(take control of..)

He was so brilliant that he could afford to **turn down** several offers of work (not accept an offer, a request)

Nokia is **bringing out** new products all the time (produce and start to sell a new product)

Collocations

Do business(with sb)/ go somewhere on business

Reach an agreement

Make/take a decision (about sth)

Have/make a complaint (about sth)

Have/gain/get experience in/of sth/doing

Do some work/ have work to do/place of work

Do a job/ have a job/apply for a job/take/get a job/ to have a regular,steady job

White collar workers (office workers) / blue-collar workers (factory and manual)

To have a fixed income

To be self-employed



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."

Cristina Cabal