

1 LEXIS IN CONTEXT

What I'm really thinking

Look at the Lexis in Context on Student Book p.10. Then complete the expressions.

- I wouldn't worry about the interview—it's not a matter of life or death.
- Thanks to years of practice, I was able to **h**_____ **my own** on the tennis court.
- If you paid attention, you might be able to **k**_____ **up with** the lesson.
- If you think I agree with Carlos, then you've **m**_____ **the point** of my argument.
- My mind's **gone bl**_____. I can't remember my own phone number!
- If you didn't like the results of the project, **fair** **e**_____, but you shouldn't have walked out of the meeting.
- It **breaks my h**_____ when I see pictures of malnourished children on the TV.

2 VOCABULARY work

a Circle the correct word.

- My company offers considerable benefits to the colleagues / co-workers / staff.
- It's so *repetitive* / *challenging* / *rewarding* when you see your students really start to improve.
- My sister's job is very *rewarding* / *demanding* / *tedious*, so she gets very stressed.
- I'm hoping to get *hired* / *promoted* / *raised* to department manager by the end of the year.
- He wants to *quit* / *employ* / *resign* a new assistant to deal with his mail.
- Over 2,000 workers will be *fired* / *downsized* / *sacked* when the car factory closes down.
- Working on a production line can be *challenging* / *motivating* / *monotonous* because you do the same thing all day every day.
- My husband is *clocked out* / *out of work* / *laid off* right now because the company he worked for closed down.
- I'm really jealous of my sister because she gets so many *skills* / *qualifications* / *perks* in her job.
- We're looking to *hire* / *fire* / *lay off* somebody with a positive, can-do attitude.

b Match the words in A to the words in B and complete the sentences below.

A academic apply for career clocking events full job permanent work

B experience hunting job ladder management out a position qualifications time

- The company is offering work experience to students in their final year of school.
- Looking after small children is a _____-_____ job.
- I've spent six months _____-_____, but I'm still out of work.
- She didn't go to college so she doesn't have many _____.
- He's very ambitious, so he's hoping to climb the _____ as quickly as possible.
- If you're good at organizing parties, you could work in _____.
- I'm hoping they'll give me a _____ when I finish my three-month trial period.
- She cleared her desk and locked the drawers before _____.
- I'm going to _____ as a sales assistant at the new shopping mall.

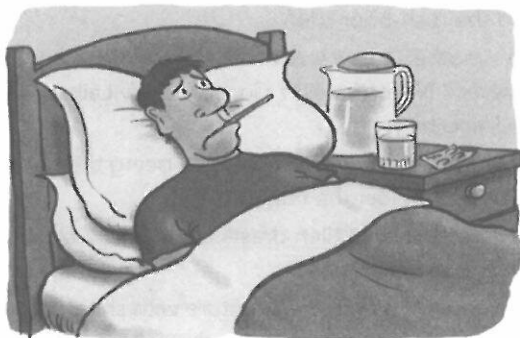
3 GRAMMAR discourse markers (1): linkers

a Cross out the linker that is NOT possible in the sentences.

- We set off at dawn *owing to* / *in order to* / *so as to* to avoid the rush-hour traffic.
- Laila's mother-in-law was a very difficult woman. *However* / *Nevertheless* / *Consequently* Laila couldn't help liking her.
- In spite of* / *Even though* / *Despite* being the better player, Ahmet lost the match.
- Sales figures have fallen drastically *due to* / *because* / *owing to* the recession.
- The workers covered the furniture with sheets *so as not to* / *not to* / *in order not to* splash it with paint.
- After his accident, my brother sold his car *as* / *since* / *due to* he couldn't afford the insurance.
- We accept full responsibility for the error and *nevertheless* / *consequently* / *therefore* wish to offer you a full refund.
- I agreed to help *although* / *in case* / *even though* I didn't feel like it.

b Rewrite the sentences using the word(s) in parentheses.

- 1 We have not received payment for your last bill. Consequently, you are being sent a reminder. (since)
You are being sent a reminder since we have not received payment for your last bill.
- 2 She wrote down the appointment so that she wouldn't forget the time. (so as)
She wrote down the appointment _____.
- 3 The road is being resurfaced so it will be closed until further notice. (result)
The road is being resurfaced, and _____.
- 4 The flight is delayed because the incoming plane arrived late. (due)
The flight is delayed _____.
- 5 He decided to apply for the job although he didn't meet all the requirements. (despite)
He decided to apply for the job _____.
- 6 They went to bed early in order to be ready for the exam the next day. (so that)
They went to bed early _____.
- 7 She was offered a job even though she wasn't able to go to the interview. (spite)
She was offered the job _____.
- 8 He was unable to attend the conference because he was sick. (owing)
He was unable to attend the conference _____.



4 LEXIS IN CONTEXT Skyscanner

Look at the Lexis in Context on Student Book p.13. Then complete the sentences.

- 1 When you live near an airport, the noise of the planes eventually becomes the **n**orm.
- 2 Her sickness was just a **pl** _____ so she could stay at home.
- 3 Please don't let the fact that I got the promotion over you become an **i** _____ between us.
- 4 He wanted a job that was **tr** _____ **-f** _____, so he became a flight attendant.
- 5 I can handle a fairly heavy **w** _____. I'm used to doing lots of things at once.
- 6 How do we **t** _____ the problem of unemployment?





5 PRONUNCIATION word stress

a Underline the stressed syllable in the words below.

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 re war ding | 7 per ma nent |
| 2 free lance | 8 mo ti va ting |
| 3 tem po rar y | 9 mo no to nous |
| 4 vo lun teer | 10 a ca de mic |
| 5 com pa ssio nate | 11 ma nage ment |
| 6 ma ter ni ty | 12 qua li fi ca tions |

b 1.3 Listen and check. Practice saying the words.

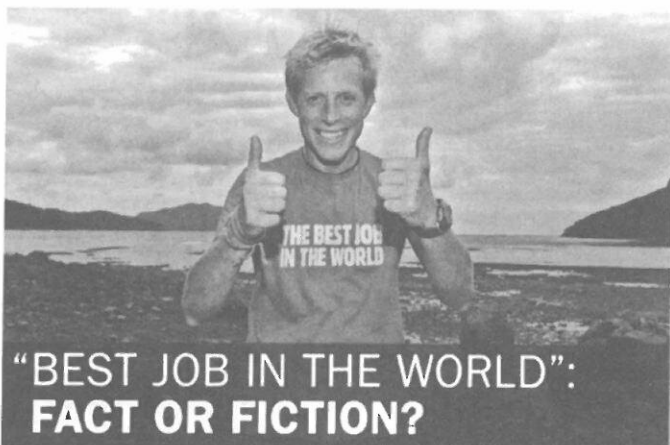
c circle the word with a different sound.

1	 tree	tedious colleague event
2	 bike	quit resign fire
3	 ear	career perks experience
4	 fish	repetitive demanding benefits

d 1.4 Listen and check. Practice saying the words.

6 READING

- a Read the article once. How would the writer answer the question in the title?



"BEST JOB IN THE WORLD": FACT OR FICTION?

Who wouldn't jump at the chance of "working" for six months as the caretaker of an idyllic holiday island off the coast of Queensland, Australia? For Ben Southall, winner of the "Best Job in the World" contest, the prospect seemed like a dream come true. The 34-year-old former charity worker, from Petersfield, UK, beat 34,000 other competitors for the job, which also came with a £2.5 million beachside mansion boasting magnificent ocean views. ¹ _____

Alas, at the end of his posting, Mr. Southall admitted that being a tourist ambassador for paradise was not all plain sailing. In fact, there was very little time for sailing at all—or sunbathing, or simply relaxing and enjoying those fine ocean views.

² _____ "It has been very busy, busier than most people would have imagined, and certainly busier than I had imagined," Mr. Southall told the press, adding that he had been "too busy" to sit back and reflect on it all very much. ³ _____

True, somewhere along the line he did also learn to sail, play golf, and kayak. But even those activities were limited by the need to keep a running web commentary about what he was up to. He posted more than 75,000 words in 60 separate blogs—the equivalent of a small novel—uploaded more than 2,000 photos, and "tweeted more than 730 times," according to Peter Lawlor, Queensland's Tourism Minister.

⁴ _____ Readers of the website complained that the jam-packed itineraries organized by Tourism Queensland left Mr. Southall no time to explore the reef privately and deliver detailed accounts of his experiences. They also said that the blogs were too sanitized and promotional, without any critical or personal angle.

⁵ _____ Nevertheless, in what is perhaps the ultimate proof of his new skills as a PR man, he still insists he enjoyed himself thoroughly. And his demanding taskmasters at Tourism Queensland are also pleased, so much so that they have offered him a new 18-month, six-figure contract to promote their state worldwide.

In his spare time, if he gets any, he will also start on a book about his experiences over the last six months. Whether it will prove a best-selling beachside read is another matter.

- b Five sentences and paragraphs have been removed from the article. Read it again and match A–F to the blanks 1–5. There is one sentence or paragraph you do not need to use.

- A Indeed, in the view of his online audience, he spent so much time blogging about having a good time that he didn't really have much of a time at all.
- B Instead, he found himself working seven days a week, slave to a grueling schedule of promotional events, press conferences, and administration.
- C Soon after he started, Ben had a brush with death after being stung by a jellyfish. The incident did not deter him, however, and he got on with his job.
- D Either way, Mr. Southall admits that he is now tired out—and in need of a holiday. "It was a job that needed 18 to 19 hours' work every day," he said. "Not just the interviews and the social side of it, but also blogging and uploading pictures—it's very time consuming."
- E Other perks in the contest included a £74,000 salary, a private pool, and a courtesy golf buggy.
- F A snapshot of just how demanding the Best Job in the World could be is provided by Tourism Queensland's official report on Mr. Southall's posting. It announced that he had visited 90 "exotic locations," made 47 video diaries, and given more than 250 media interviews.

- c Look at the highlighted idioms and match them to the definitions.

- 1 very full _____
- 2 at some point during an activity _____
- 3 simple and free from trouble _____
- 4 was doing _____
- 5 is very different _____
- 6 accept an opportunity with enthusiasm _____

7 LISTENING

- a 1.5 Listen to a man talking about a kind of job he would love to do and one he would hate. What are the jobs?
- b Listen again. Answer the questions.
- 1 Why does the man think he would be good at the first job?
 - 2 What does he think might be the downside?
 - 3 Why does he think he would hate the second job?
 - 4 Has he done this kind of work? If so, did he like it?
- c Listen again with the audioscript on p.69 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.