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Work and jobs

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What do you do?

To find out what someone's job is you say 'What do you do?' Here, Kerstin talks about her job:

'I work for a large European car maker. I **work on** car design. In fact, I **run** the design department and I **manage** a team of designers: 20 people **work under** me. It's very interesting. One of my main **responsibilities** is to make sure that new model designs are finished on time. I'm also **in charge of** design budgets.'

I **deal with** a lot of different people in the company. I'm **responsible for** co-ordination between design and production: I **work with** managers at our manufacturing plants.'



Note:

in charge of } + noun
responsible for } + verb + -ing

responsibility + infinitive or -ing

One of my responsibilities is to make sure ...

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You can't say ~~I'm a responsible.~~

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Word combinations with 'work'

If you **work** or **have work**, you have a job. But you don't say that someone has ~~a work~~. **Work** is also the place where you do your job.

Here are some phrases with 'work':

- Hi, I'm Frank. I work in a bank in New York City. I **leave for work** at 7.30 every morning.
- I go to **work** by train and subway.
- I **get to / arrive at work** at about nine.
- I'm usually **at work** till six.
- Luckily, I don't get ill very much so I'm not often **off work**.

The economy is growing fast and more people are **in work** than ever before. The percentage of people **out of work** has fallen to its lowest level for 30 years.

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You don't say, for example, ~~I'm at the work~~ or ~~I'm going to the work~~.

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Types of job and types of work

A **full-time job** is for the whole of the normal working week; a **part-time job** is for less time than that.

You say that someone **works full-time** or **part-time**.

A **permanent job** does not finish after a fixed period; a **temporary job** finishes after a fixed period.

You talk about **temporary work** and **permanent work**.