

VOCABULARY – WORK

textbook: Destinations C1

Please, look at the vocabulary and learn any you find useful.
 In this textbook, there is a lot of it – so make sure you choose wisely.
 I have selected three exercises that are most useful.
 The KEY will be provided on Monday.

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Vocabulary

■ Time and work

Topic vocabulary: Time

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abrupt (adj)	era (n)	millennium (n)	punctual (adj)
anachronism (n)	eternal (adj)	obsolete (adj)	seasonal (adj)
annual (adj)	expire (v)	overdue (adj)	simultaneous (adj)
antique (adj, n)	frequency (n)	period (n)	span (v, n)
century (n)	instantaneous (adj)	permanent (adj)	spell (n)
chronological (adj)	interim (n, adj)	phase (n)	stint (n)
contemporary (n, adj)	interval (n)	postpone (v)	subsequent (adj)
decade (n)	lapse (v, n)	prior (adj)	temporary (adj)
duration (n)	lifetime (n)	prompt (adj)	timely (adj)
elapse (v)	long-standing (adj)	provisional (adj)	vintage (n, adj)

Topic vocabulary: Work

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civil service (n phr)	efficient (adj)	marketing (n)	recruit (v, n)
client (n)	executive (n)	multinational (n, adj)	redundant (adj)
colleague (n)	fire (v)	promotion (n)	sack (v)
consultant (n)	headhunt (v)	prospects (n pl)	strike (v, n)
effective (adj)	leave (n)	public/private sector (n phr)	union (n)

Phrasal verbs

crop up	appear or happen suddenly or unexpectedly	press ahead/on (with)	continue doing something in a determined way, despite difficulties, opposition or interruptions
dive in	start doing something in a very enthusiastic way	set out	start doing or working on something in order to achieve an aim <i>outset (n)</i>
end up	be in a particular place or state after doing something or because of doing it	snow under	if you are snowed under, you have too much of sth to deal with
kick off (with)	begin (with)	take on	start to employ someone; accept some work or responsibility
knock off	stop working	tide over	help someone to get to the end of a difficult period of time, especially by giving them money until they can get
knuckle down	start working hard, especially when you should have done this earlier	some more	
lay off	end someone's employment, especially temporarily, because there is not enough work for them; stop doing or using something, especially for a short period of time	while away	spend time in a relaxed way when you have nothing else to do
lie ahead	if something lies ahead, it is going to happen to you in the future	wind down	end or finish something gradually; gradually reduce work before stopping completely; relax after a period of excitement or worry
make up	work at different times from usual because you have not worked enough at the normal times		

Phrases, patterns and collocations

<p>about partly/mainly/all about, do sth about, about time, about to do</p> <p>age act your age, (at/by/from) the age of, under age, school/working/etc age, with age, age limit, age bracket/group, (in the) Stone/Bronze/Iron Age</p> <p>ages take/spend ages (doing), ages ago, seems/feels like ages (since)</p>	<p>course run its course, in/during the course of, in due course, on a course, course of action/events</p> <p>day make sb's day, day by day, from day to day, any day now, in this day and age, day off, day out, day trip</p> <p>end come to an end, bring sth to an end, put an end to, at/by the (very) end (of), no end in sight (to), at an end, (for) hours/weeks/etc on end, in the end</p>
<p>ever hardly ever, if ever, first/only/etc sth ever (to), bigger/better/etc than ever, as ever, ever since, forever/for ever</p> <p>hours keep regular/late hours, work long hours, for hours (on end), (during) school/working/etc hours, at/until all hours, after hours, out of hours</p> <p>job get/find/take/do a job, it's a good job, leave/lose your job, make/do a good/bad job of, make the best of a bad job, have a job to do / doing, sb's job to do, out of a job, on the job, job losses</p> <p>moment take/be a moment, just/wait a moment, any moment (now), at the moment, at this/that moment in time, in a moment, the right moment (to/for), the moment of truth</p> <p>never you never know, never again, never mind, never mind if/whether/etc, never ever, never-ending</p> <p>now now is the time to, from now on, for now, up to now, right now, now that, any day/moment/etc now, just now, every now and then/again, nowadays</p>	<p>office take office, run for office, public office, head office, office holder, office block, office hours, office party</p> <p>on on time, on and on, on end, from now/that moment/then on, You're on!</p> <p>second give/take sb a second to do, in a second, within seconds, seconds later, a split second</p> <p>start have/make a good/fine/bad/etc start, get off to a good/flying/head/bad/etc start, make a start (on/at), (right) from the start, for a start, (at/from the) start of, get (sth) started</p> <p>term in the long/short term, end of term, term of/in office, term time, prison/jail term, fixed term, long-/short-term</p> <p>time pass the time, spend time, make time, find the time, take time, in/on time, by the time, time after time, part-time, full-time, time frame, time limit</p> <p>work work on/in/with/as/at/for, work like magic, work both ways, work a treat, work wonders, work your way (through/around), at work, out of / in work, piece of work</p> <p>year years of age, years old, year on year, for years, not/never in a million years, leap year</p>

Idioms

a stitch in time (saves nine)	used for saying that it is better to solve a problem now, rather than leave it until later when it may be more difficult to deal with
all in good time	used for telling someone to wait for something and not try to make you hurry
at the drop of a hat	immediately or in a way that shows that you have no doubts about doing something
before your time	used for saying that something happened or existed before you were born or before you lived or worked somewhere
for good	permanently, without the possibility of change in the future
for the time being	for now
from time to time	sometimes, but not often
in/for donkey's years	an extremely long time
in the nick of time	just in time to prevent something bad happening
once in a blue moon	very rarely
on the spur of the moment	if you do something on the spur of the moment, you do it suddenly and do not take time to plan it or think carefully about it
the other day	recently

EXERCISES:

G Write a phrasal verb from the box in the correct form in each gap.

dive in • end up • kick off • knock off • knuckle down • lie ahead • take on • while away

- 1 If the business does well, I'll hopefully be able to a part-time assistant in the spring.
- 2 We having to scrap the whole advertising campaign and start again.
- 3 Let's this session by introducing ourselves, shall we?
- 4 Josh can a whole day playing online computer games with his mates.
- 5 No teenager really knows what for them career-wise in the future.
- 6 That's enough TV! It's time to and get on with your homework now.
- 7 I usually work at about half five so I'm home by six thirty most nights.
- 8 As soon as the food was brought out, everyone and helped themselves.

J Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given.

- 1 The government needs to stop this ridiculous bureaucratic system. **put**
The government needs to this ridiculous bureaucratic system.
- 2 No one except Jake has ever beaten me at a game of chess. **only**
Jake beat me at a game of chess.
- 3 It's time we began to sort through these cupboards. **start**
It's time we through these cupboards.
- 4 Julie asked for a second's thinking time before she answered. **just**
'Could think before I answer?' asked Julie.
- 5 I can't really remember the last time I had a day off. **ages**
It feels I had a day off.
- 6 Sorry, Alan, but right now I'm rather busy. **in**
Sorry, Alan, but at I'm rather busy.
- 7 They painted the wall very well. **made**
They the wall.

N The prefix *counter-*, as in *counterproductive*, is sometimes used with nouns, adjectives and verbs to suggest the idea of 'opposite'. Write each of these words with *counter-* in the correct gap.

counteract • counterattack • counterbalance • counterculture • counterintelligence
countermeasures • counteroffensive • counterpart

- 1 As a spy during the war, I was often involved in, where we tried to stop the enemy from discovering our secrets.
- 2 The government will have to take some to stop inflation from increasing.
- 3 The reports by independent journalists will hopefully the government's inaccurate propaganda.
- 4 The army's planning to mount a later today.
- 5 You'll have to speak to my in the New York office.
- 6 We have to this rise in crime by toughening up the sentencing laws.
- 7 I'm not interested in mainstream art; I'm far more concerned with art produced in the
- 8 If he accuses me of lying, I'm going to by saying I know he lied about the sales figures last month.