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Vocabulary

1. Look at the picture. Circle the correct answers.

I'm starting university next year, but right now I'm working in **1**. _____. I work an 8-hour **2.** _____ five days a week. It's just a summer job, so there's no **3.** _____ for promotions or anything. But that's okay. The pay is good because there's a lot of **4.** _____ for this kind of work in my area. Also, I'm getting **5.** _____ at working with my hands.

1. a. overtime	b. construction	c. growth	d. logging
2. a. shift	b. standard	c. bonus	d. incident
3. a. duty	b. potential	c. division	d. competitor
4. a. strike	b. regulation	c. data	d. demand
5. a. objective	b. hazardous	c. skilled	d. remote

2. Match the questions with the appropriate responses.

1. Do you have a degree in accounting?	a. You'll do paperwork and respond to emails.
2. Is money a big factor in your job choice?	b. Yes, I'm passionate about being successful.
3. What are the duties for this job?	c. No, but I have several certificates.
4. Are you ambitious?	d. It's not a requirement.
5. Do I need experience for this position?	e. I care more about having flexible hours.

3. Match the words with the correct definitions.

1. benefit	a. to spend most of your time doing one type of work
2. procedure	b. to stop or slow (something); to make (something) harder
3. prospective	c. a person who can be asked for information about someone else
4. specialise	d. a person, team or company that is competing with others
5. interfere with	e. something extra that is given to employees besides usual pay
6. analyse	f. a feeling of stress because you have a lot of responsibility
7. pressure	g. a medical treatment or operation
8. competitor	h. to give (something) to help a person, group, or organisation
9. contribute (to)	i. to examine the details of (something) carefully to understand it
10. reference	j. likely to be or become (something specified) in the future

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Grammar

4. Fill in the gaps with the correct forms of the given verbs. Use simple present or present continuous.

1. Could you please turn down the TV? I _____ to sleep. (try)

2. Leanne says she _____ her job in a few months. (quit)

3. I need to call my boss, but I _____ the number. (not remember)

4. Is Jeremy okay? He _____ a little depressed these days. (seem)

5. Our flight _____ at 10.10 a.m. on 2 July. (leave)

5. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Ricki is (all the time / always) happy to help if you ask her.

2. Everyone should see a dentist (regularly / usually).

3. He's an excellent worker. He (hardly ever / frequently) makes a mistake.

4. Our supervisor meets with us (seldom / every so often).

5. (Never / Once in a while), we have an office party.

6. Put the words in order to make sentences and questions.

1. has / her / already. / paperwork / finished / she

_____

2. found / you / yet? / job / have / a

_____

3. has / Roberto / horses / life. / been / all his / riding

_____

4. the / whose / messy / is / desk / one / I'm

_____

5. is / years. / for / I've / my friend / whom / this / Lena, / known

_____

7. Find the error and write the correction on the line.

1. I'm sick, so I don't go to work tomorrow. _____

2. The class isn't understanding the lecture. _____

3. He's with his current company for five years. _____

4. I met Alexander, which works in marketing. _____

5. Send an email to the person, that advertised the job. _____

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Comprehension

8. Read and answer the questions.

WANTED: Email Marketing Manager

Language First is looking for a new team member who can help us increase the market for our successful global language-learning app. You will focus on marketing our service through emails, mobile messages, newsletters, and more. By interacting with millions of users and potential users, you'll contribute to the growth of our company and help make language learning possible and affordable for everyone.

Duties:

Our Email Marketing Manager is in charge of Language First email campaigns from start to finish. (S)he plans and develops each campaign by creating thoughtful, fun messages that differentiate our brand from our competitors' and attract new users. The job also involves analysing the success of each campaign's strengths and weaknesses. This will include consideration of factors such as competitors' behaviour and consumer preferences. The manager will work closely with other divisions in the company to share ideas and get things done.

Requirements:

The successful candidate for the position will have a passion for marketing and at least five years' experience in the field. It is helpful if you've specialised in email, since knowledge of the technical side of email marketing is required (especially HTML and JavaScript). **Outstanding** writing skills are a must, and knowledge of a second language is a plus, but not a requirement.

To apply: Fill out the online application below and upload your cover letter, CV, and three references. Applications must be received by 14th July. The position begins on 1st September.

1. The company that posted the ad is a language school.	true	false
2. The email manager must analyse information.	true	false
3. No experience is required for the job.	true	false
4. Someone who specialises in email is preferred.	true	false
5. Applicants must apply online.	true	false

6. What does the job mainly involve?

a. Writing apps b. Communicating with customers c. Developing language lessons

7. Which is listed as one of the job duties?

a. Making sales b. Being on call at all times c. Interacting with other teams

8. Which is a requirement for the job?

a. Foreign language skills b. Technical skills c. A marketing degree

9. The word **outstanding** in the reading means _____.

a. flexible b. excellent c. educated

10. Which date is NOT given in the ad?

a. When the ad was posted b. When applications are due c. When the job starts

9. Read and answer the questions.

[at a job fair]

Recruiter: Good morning! Do you have any interest in working for Nature's Design Gardening?
Troy: I might. I'm very interested in working in this field.
Recruiter: May I ask why?
Troy: I'm really enthusiastic about nature, and I hate being inside all day**.** Do I need a degree for this job?
Recruiter: No, although some experience is preferred.
Troy: I just finished school, but I've been gardening my whole life. I also worked in forestry one summer.
Recruiter: Okay, great. One more thing—we always tell prospective employees that there are risks. You have to work with some heavy gear, so physical fitness is extremely important. But you must be familiar with the dangers already.
Troy: I understand it can be **hazardous**, but I'm in good shape, and I can handle the equipment.
Recruiter: Excellent. For our open positions, you also need your own car. Would that be a problem?
Troy: Not at all. I've got a truck.
Recruiter: We have several jobs open. You'll be glad to hear that there's a lot of growth in this business, and we've had some trouble filling all of our positions. So we're offering pretty generous pay for full-time employees, plus paid holidays. You can also take free classes if you want to get a certificate. Here's our brochure and an application form, if you want to fill it out right now.
Troy: Sounds good, thanks. In fact, I already know a little about your company, since a friend of mine works for you. She loves her job. Do you know Kate Morris?
Recruiter: Yes, I do—I hired her!

1. The recruiter mentions that safety is a factor.	true	false
2. The company offers benefits to some employees.	true	false
3. The gardening industry is getting smaller.	true	false
4. The company only needs one new employee.	true	false
5. Troy knows a woman who works at Nature's Design Gardening.	true	false

6. Why is Troy interested in the job?

a. He knows it's well-paid. b. He likes the outdoors. c. He has a degree in the field.

7. Which is true about Troy?

a. He is a college student. b. He has work experience. c. He is not physically fit.

8. The word **hazardous** in the reading means _____.

a. dangerous b. technical c. passionate

9. Which is a requirement for the position?

a. A certificate b. A degree c. A car

10. What will Troy probably do next?

a. Talk to another recruiter b. Interview for the job c. Fill out an application

Answer Key

1.

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1. b
2. a
3. b
4. d
5. c

2.
1. c
2. e
3. a
4. b
5. d

3.
1. e
2. g
3. j
4. a
5. b
6. i
7. f
8. d
9. h
10. c

4.
1. am trying
2. is quitting
3. do not/don't remember
4. seems
5. leaves

5.
1. always
2. regularly
3. hardly ever
4. every so often
5. Once in a while

6.
1. She has finished her paperwork already.
2. Have you found a job yet?
3. Robert has been riding horses all his life.
4. I'm the one whose desk is messy.
5. This is my friend Lena, whom I've known for years.

7.
1. don't go → am not going
2. isn't understanding → doesn't understand
3. He's → He has been/ He's been
4. which → who
5. person, → person

8.
1. true
2. true
3. false
4. true
5. true
6. b
7. c
8. b
9. b
10. a

9.
1. true
2. true
3. false
4. false
5. true
6. b
7. b
8. a
9. c
10. c