

UNIT 4 > Work patterns

Lesson 4.1 My working life

VIDEO A ▶ 4.1.1 Match the sentence halves from the video. Then watch the video again to check your answers.



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| 1 People talk about 'nine-to-five jobs' | a to work as if I was in the office. |
| 2 Today's global economy needs | b to describe traditional office work. |
| 3 Some days I start early and finish early, | c I may work 20 hours one week and 40 hours another week. |
| 4 I have my office set up at home so I have everything I need | d more flexible work patterns, not nine-to-five jobs. |
| 5 I can still maintain all aspects of my personal life | e that there is not that much income security . |
| 6 I started temping during university | f when you do lots of different types of jobs to earn a living. |
| 7 Being adaptable is a very important skill in the job market, | g and I am still temping whilst I'm looking for a permanent role. |
| 8 Gig working means | h and some days I start later and finish later. |
| 9 Depending on how many projects I have, | i and still pursue my career |
| 10 One of the disadvantages to gig working is | j and temp work definitely allows me to build upon that skill. |

B Look at the words in bold in Exercise A. Match them with definitions (a-g).

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| 1 global economy | a try to get a particular, ideal job, e.g. by studying and doing jobs that give you experience |
| 2 maintain | b doing temporary jobs for a particular period |
| 3 temping | c to be able to change with the needs of other people or situations |
| 4 income security | d to keep doing something in the same way |
| 5 be adaptable | e the modern economy that operates between countries across the world |
| 6 pursue a career | f to add something in a positive way |
| 7 build upon | g when you have regular payments from a job |

Vocabulary

C Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- He has a _____ job in a supermarket. He works three hours in the mornings.
a shift b full-time c part-time
- There are many work _____ today, including more freelance and temporary work.
a patterns b hours c lives
- The company is one of the biggest _____ in the town.
a employers b employees c staff
- She would like a _____ contract because she wants more job security.
a temporary b permanent c self-employed
- The _____ spend about a month in each department to give them experience of different jobs.
a temporary workers b interns c self-employed
- I start and finish work at the same time every day. I like having a _____ schedule.
a fixed b flexible c working
- My previous boss is _____ now. She was 65 last month.
a unemployed b self-employed c retired
- The company offered me a contract but I prefer to be _____.
a full-time b retired c self-employed