

## Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: matching, gap-fill, error correction, rewriting sentences, question completion

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions, controlled and freer practice (pair work)

## Focus

Phrasal verbs: *work as, work in, work on, work for, work at, work with.*

## Aim

To practice talking about jobs using the phrasal verbs: *work as, work in, work on, work for, work at, work with.*

## Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

## Level

Intermediate (B1)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

In this talking about jobs worksheet, students practice talking about jobs and work using the phrasal verbs: *work as, work in, work on, work for, work at, and work with.*

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students match phrasal verbs with *work* to their definitions.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. e 2. f 3. d 4. c 5. a 6. b

Students then complete sentences with the six phrasal verbs in their correct form.

Exercise B - Answer key (some answers may vary)

1. works at 4. working for 7. work in 10. work at  
2. works as 5. working on 8. working with 11. works in  
3. working with 6. working as 9. work for 12. working on

Next, students correct phrasal verb mistakes in sentences.

Exercise C - Answer key (some answers may vary)

1. on 2. as 3. with 4. in 5. for 6. at

After that, students rewrite sentences, adding in one of the six phrasal verbs related to work.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. She works as a nurse.  
2. I work in marketing.  
3. They are working with a group of scientists to conduct research.  
4. They work for a non-profit organization as volunteers.  
5. He works as a software engineer.  
6. She is working on creating a new website.  
7. He has been working in the field of logistics for six years.  
8. I am looking to work in the tech industry.  
9. He has been working for various companies as a consultant.  
10. They have been working in the construction industry for over a year.

Lastly, students complete questions about work with the six phrasal verbs and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Exercise E - Answer key

1. work in 2. work as 3. work for  
4. work with 5. work at 6. working on

**A. Match the phrasal verbs with *work* to their definitions.**

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|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. work as .....   | a. to work at a particular location or company.                                                |
| 2. work on .....   | b. to be an employee of a company or organization.                                             |
| 3. work with ..... | c. to do a job in a particular place or industry                                               |
| 4. work in .....   | d. to work together with someone to get something done.                                        |
| 5. work at .....   | e. to be employed in a certain job or occupation.                                              |
| 6. work for .....  | f. to focus one's effort or attention on a task or project in order to improve or complete it. |

**B. Complete the sentences with the six phrasal verbs in their correct form.**

1. He ..... a retail store on the weekends.
2. She ..... a daycare center worker.
3. I'm ..... a client to design their new website.
4. He has been ..... the government for the past decade.
5. They are ..... creating a new menu for the restaurant.
6. I have been ..... a freelance writer for the past year.
7. They ..... the entertainment industry as actors.
8. I'm excited to be ..... my new team and taking on new challenges.
9. He is looking for a job and wants to ..... a company where he can get promoted.
10. I'm happy with the location I ..... as it's near my house.
11. She ..... finance as an analyst.
12. She is ..... designing new marketing materials for her advertising agency.



**C. Correct the phrasal verb mistakes in the sentences.**

1. I am working with a new software development project for my company.
2. We work in engineers on a construction project.
3. I've been working at my partner on a new business venture.
4. We work on the tech field as software engineers.
5. She's decided to work on a startup company as it will give her more opportunities for growth.
6. I'll be working with the same location for the next six months.

**D. Rewrite each sentence, adding in one of the six phrasal verbs: *work for, work with, work in, work at, work as, or work on.***

1. She is a nurse.

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2. I have a job in marketing.

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3. They are conducting research with a group of scientists.

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4. They are volunteers for a non-profit organization.

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5. He has a job as a software engineer.

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6. She is trying to create a new website.

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7. He has been in the field of logistics for six years.

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8. I am looking for a challenging job in the tech industry.

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9. He has been a consultant for various companies.

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10. They have been employed in the construction industry for over a year.

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**E. Now, complete the six questions about work with the six phrasal verbs. Then, ask and answer the questions with a partner.**

1. What industry do you .....

2. What do you .....? (What is your occupation?)

3. What company do you .....

4. Who do you .....

5. Where do you .....

6. What are you currently .....

