Lesson 14. What's Your Line of Work?

▶ All about the working world

▶ Multiple choice quiz

1 Language points

1) to apply – to interview – to be qualified

2) to get / receive a job offer – to get hired

3) to make a salary / wage / living – to bring home the bacon – 'bread-winner'

4) to get fired – to get laid off – to quit / resign

5) to work (for a company) (as a position) (in a department)

6) 'part-time' – 'full-time' – dead end job

7) to promote – to get promoted / demoted

① to apply – to interview – to be qualified

- the beginning stage

▶ I applied at 7 different companies but I didn't get any interviews!

▶ I'm excited but nervous. I'm going to interview for three different jobs next week.

▶ I'm sure I'm the most qualified of all the candidates that they interviewed. My resume is strong and the conversation went well.

② to get / receive a job offer – to get hired

- yay!
- be sure to use 'get' with hire – you don't hire!

▶ Out of six interviews, I got two job offers. I can't decide, but I guess this is a good problem to have.

▶ If I don't get hired for any position soon, I don't know what I'm going to do.

③ to make a salary / wage / living – to bring home the bacon – 'bread-winner'

- wage – usually for low-paying jobs
- idioms for providing for a family

▶ My wages at the coffee shop were terrible, so when I finished school, I was excited to apply for salaried jobs.

▶ Joe makes a good living, and when he gets his promotion, he'll really be bringing home the bacon.

▶ Lisa became the main bread-winner when her husband went back to school for his Ph.D.

④ **to get fired - to get laid off - to quit / resign**

● oh no! the end of a job

▶ Jim got fired for being late 9 times.

▶ The employees heard sales were way down and now they're nervous they'll get laid off.

▶ I'm sorry sir, but I'll be resigning at the end of the month.

⑤ **to work (for a company) (as a position) (in a department)**

● be specific! (cultural difference)

▶ A: What do you do?

B: I am an office worker.

A: No, uhhh, I mean, what line of work are you in? What kind of position do you have?

B: Oh, I'm an accountant for a medical supply company. How about you?

A: I work in the marketing department for an optical company.

⑥ **'part-time' - 'full-time' - dead end job**

● depends on hours ● dead end job describes opportunity

▶ I want full-time work, but companies are only hiring part-time because they don't want to give benefits packages.

▶ As soon as I realized that I had a dead end job, I knew I had to go back to school.

⑦ **to promote- to get promoted / demoted**

● you don't promote! your boss does

▶ I **got promoted** to a position with more power and responsibility, but not much more money.

▶ Jake was our best employee, so we **promoted** him to branch manager.

▶ After Rick's poor sales performance, he **got demoted** to a weaker sales team.

2 Apply to the book

▶ **Pages 76-77, Activity A**

Who's the right person for the job?

▶ **Sample answers**

I think we should *interview* Won-ho and hire him if he *interviews* well. He's the only one with *full-time* experience, plus he got good grades at a good school. He's the most *qualified* and he seems like the *bread-winner* of his family, so he will take his job seriously.

▶ **Pages 78, Activity B**

What would be the pros and cons of being a civil servant?

▶ **Sample answers**

The best part of being a civil servant would be no fear of *getting laid off*. It's even hard to *get fired* with a government job. It's not a *dead end job*, so you can *get promoted* if you put in the effort. However, the *salary* isn't that great so you'll *make a* humble *living*. Plus, you have to pass lots of tests before you even begin *to apply*.

▶ **Page 79, Discussion**

#5-What fields offer good opportunities for today's graduates? Which fields are in decline?

▶ **Sample answers**

If I were a new graduate, I would *accept* any *job offer* in the tech field. There's room for advancement in technology, and once you know the ropes, you can really *bring home the bacon*. My brother *worked as* a system designer *for* a major tech company. He didn't like his boss, but it was really easy *to quit* and *get hired* somewhere else since he had the experience.

3 Review quiz

#1.

1. Jon _____ and now he's making a lot more.
2. Karen _____ Jane because her performance was awful.
3. When I _____, I started applying to jobs right away.
4. We're all going to _____ if the company goes downhill any further.

A. promoted B. got fired C. demote D. get laid off
E. got promoted F. demoted G. hired H. lay off

E, F, B, D

#2.

Barry is the _____, so he's terrified of _____, or even worse, _____. However, in two years, his wife expects to _____ easily when she finishes school. With a degree in law from Harvard, she'll really be _____.

A. receive offers B. get promoted C. getting fired D. get laid off
E. bread-winner F. bringing home the bacon G. getting laid off H. demoting

E, G, C, A, F

#3.

There are many candidates that have _____, but we will only _____ the most _____. I see one candidate worked as a _____ in the _____ of an _____.

A. optical company B. applied C. designer D. qualified
E. marketing department F. interview

B, F, D, C, E, A