



1st semester

Topic 21:

VOCABULARY - TIME AND WORK



abrupt (adj) sudden and unexpected, often in an unpleasant way: Our friendship came to an abrupt end.

anachronism (n) something that is no longer suitable for or relevant to modern times: She regards the marriage ceremony as a quaint anachronism.

annual (adj) happening once a year: We've got our annual conference next month.

annual (adj) calculated or considered over a period of one year: You'll receive an annual salary of €100,000.

antique (adj) old and valuable: We offer a wide range of antique furniture.

antique (n) an old object such as a piece of furniture or jewellery that is valuable because it is rare, beautiful or well made: The desk is an antique.



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century (n) a period of 100 years, usually counted from a year ending in -00. For example, the 20th century is the period from 1900 to 1999: *His family has ruled Morocco since the 17th century.*

chronological (adj) arranged or described in the order in which events happened: *The paintings are presented in chronological order.*

contemporary (adj) modern or relating to the present time: *I'm not very keen on contemporary art.*

contemporary (adj) alive or existing at the same time as a particular event or person: *Contemporary sources offer a very different interpretation.*

contemporary (n) someone alive at the same time as a particular event or person: *Most of his contemporaries regarded him as a mere eccentric.*

decade (n) a period of ten years, especially one beginning with a year that ends in a 0, for example 1990 to 1999: *Prices have risen sharply in the last decade.*

duration (n) the period of time during which something continues to happen or exist: *The duration of the film is 110 minutes.*

elapse (v) if time elapses, it passes: *Another hour elapsed and still the wind continued to howl.*

era (n) a period of time that has a particular quality or character: *We are living in an era in which technology is developing very rapidly.*

eternal (adj) continuing for ever or for a very long time: *She has earned our eternal gratitude.*

ENGLISH ADJECTIVES FOR JOBS & WORK



FULL-TIME

done for the number of hours that people normally work in a complete week



UNSOCIABLE

you have to work at unusual times of the day so that you do not have much time to spend with your family or friends



CUSTOMER-FACING

dealing directly with the customers of a business



CLERICAL

connected with the ordinary work that people do in offices



CASUAL

used to describe jobs that are not regular or permanent



MUNDANE

a very ordinary job, with no interest or excitement



VOCABULARY

connected to

LOSING A JOB

SACKED

The most common way to describe leaving your job. It usually suggests it was not your decision.



REDUNDANT

Companies reorganise all the time and in bad times or due now to improved efficiencies many people lose their jobs in this way. They are made redundant. Their job no longer exists.

TO BE PUSHED OUT/PUSHED ASIDE

When you are no longer needed or you are over looked for promotion.



SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS

This refers to someone who is no longer seen as useful or important to a business.



JUMPED BEFORE HE WAS PUSHED

When someone decides it is best to leave a company on his own terms before they ask him to leave.



LET GO

A more casual or informal way to refer to a job loss.

ENGLISH EXPRESSIONS RELATED TO WORK

WORKING SCHEDULE

This is the timetable or the duties you have to complete daily. Sometimes it can be referred to as a roster or more informally as a "to do list".



Most people like their work. Some people can do nothing else. They work as many hours as they can including weekends. They are addicted to their work and we refer to them as workaholics in the same way as we refer to someone addicted to alcohol!

WORKAHOLIC

WORKING CONDITIONS

One of those expressions related to work that you often hear in the news or read in newspapers. This relates to everything connected with your employment. It covers (includes) issues such as your hours, your holidays, your place of work and how generally you are treated by the company.



COMMITTED

This is an adjective to describe how much someone loves his work and works as hard as he can to be successful.

RELIABLE

Another adjective to describe that someone can depend on you to do as they promised. In relation to work it means you will arrive on time, work hard when needed and deliver as your boss requires.

