

Excellent Working Conditions

Imagine that you have just been offered your first job.

Some of the advertised working conditions are listed below.

Match each of the words in bold letters with one of the definitions in the grid below.

- ~ A **subsidized** staff restaurant
- ~ **Compulsory** union membership
- ~ Staff **warm-up** exercises before work every day
- ~ Frequent department **social events**
- ~ Ten days **paid holiday** per year
- ~ Guaranteed six **days off** per month (including weekends)
- ~ A high **turnover of staff**
- ~ Open-plan, air conditioned offices with **individual cubicles**
- ~ Possible **transfer** to a branch in another city
- ~ A company **pension plan**
- ~ A yearly **medical check-up** with the company doctor
- ~ Pay guaranteed to **keep pace with inflation**

| Word or Phrase | Definition |
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| | many people often leave the job and many new people start |
| | when a doctor or nurse checks to see if you are healthy |
| | activities you do with other people for enjoyment (e.g. parties) |
| | small separate areas of an office with one person working in each |
| | when the company (or government) gives money to help pay for something |
| | days when the company pays you but you don't have to work |
| | (your pay rises) at the same speed as all the shop prices also rise |
| | a system of collecting money from workers to pay for a pension |
| | you must do it |
| | gentle easy activity that you do before doing something harder |
| | regular days in the week or month when you don't have to work |
| | when you move to another office / factory in the same company |

Now decide for yourself if each of the twelve conditions above is good (G) or bad (B). When you have decided, compare your ideas with other class members and discuss any that you disagree about.