



Look at the pairs of words in **bold**. Do they mean the same thing? Is there a difference? Answers on next page.

Adjectives

Match the sentences 1-8 to A-H:

1. C My job as a heart surgeon is very **challenging** 'tʃælɪndʒɪŋ.
 2. ___ Working on a cash register in a supermarket can be a bit **monotonous** mə'nɒtnəs and **repetitive** rɪ'petɪtɪv.
 3. ___ I find working with children very **rewarding** rɪ'wɔ:dɪŋ (also **fulfilling** fʊl'fɪlɪŋ)
 4. ___ As an architect, it is really **motivating** 'məʊtɪveɪtɪŋ to think that my work will be a physical part of my city in the future.
 5. ___ Working on a building site can be very physically **demanding** dɪ'mɑ:ndɪŋ.
 6. ___ Dealing with the same enquiries every day can be very **tedious** 'ti:diəs.
 7. ___ My job as a waiter can get very **hectic** 'hektɪk at busy times.
 8. ___ My wife is a curator and she designs art exhibitions. She never gets bored of her work and finds it very **stimulating** 'stɪmjəleɪtɪŋ.
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- A I have to do the same thing all day.
 - B I am always rushing around and have many things to do at once.
 - C My work requires great skill and/or determination.
 - D My work fascinates and inspires me.
 - E My work gives me a sense of satisfaction and I feel it is worthwhile.
 - F My job is often boring and sometimes irritates me.
 - G My work requires a lot of effort.
 - H My work drives me to make an effort, improve and to achieve goals.

1. I work with a good team of **colleagues/co-workers**.
2. The money isn't great but there are a lot of **perks/benefits**.
3. The company has **hired/employed** some temporary staff for the Christmas season.
4. My father was **laid off/made redundant** from the factory when I was a child and he hasn't worked since.
5. Jane has been **off work/out of work** for a few months now.
6. She was **sacked/fired** for being continuously late.
7. If they don't increase my salary I'm going to **resign/quit** and find another job.
8. Most of the **workforce/staff** are under the age of 30.
9. I was hoping to **get promoted/get a pay rise** but in the end nothing happened.
10. They asked me about my **skills/qualifications** at the job interview.



Answers:

Adjectives

1. C 2. A 3. E 4. H 5. G 6. F 7. B 8. D

Word pairs

1. Same 2. Same (*perks* is a more informal register) 3. Same (*hired* US Eng/employ UK Eng) 4. Same (*laid off* is a more informal register) 5. Different: *off work* = temporarily away from work due to illness or holiday allowance *out of work* = unemployed 6. Same 7. Same (*quit* is a more informal register) 8. Same, although *workforce* can be used to talk about the working people in a company and a country whereas *staff* refers to the workers in a company only. 9. different: *get promoted* refers to being given a job of higher rank/status within a company; *get a raise* refers to being paid an increase in your salary/wages 10 different: *skills* = abilities, *qualifications* = documented evidence of skills such as a degree or a certificate.