

2 Ways of working

A Old and new ways

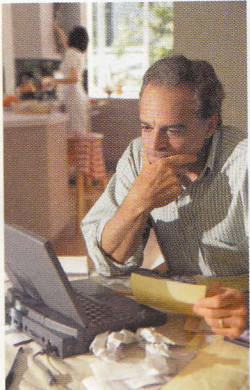
I'm an office worker in an insurance company. It's a **nine-to-five** job with regular working hours. The work isn't very interesting, but I like to be able to go home at a reasonable time.

We all have to **clock in** and **clock out** every day. In this company, even the managers have to, which is unusual!

Note: You also say **clock on** and **clock off**.

I'm in computer programming. There's a system of **flexitime** in my company, which means we can work when we want, within certain limits. We can start at any time before eleven, and finish as early as three, as long as we do enough hours each month. It's ideal for me as I have two young children.

BrE: flexitime
AmE: flextime



Teleworking



Clocking in

I work in a car plant. I work in **shifts**. I may be on the **day shift** one week and the **night shift** the next week. It's difficult changing from one shift to another. When I change shifts, I have problems changing to a new routine for sleeping and eating.

I'm a commercial artist in an advertising agency. I work in a big city, but I prefer living in the country, so I **commute** to work every day, like thousands of other **commuters**. Working from home using a computer and the Internet is becoming more and more popular, and the agency is introducing this: it's called **teleworking** or **telecommuting**. But I like going into the office and working with other people around me.

B Nice work if you can get it

All these words are used in front of 'job' and 'work':

- **satisfying, stimulating, fascinating, exciting:** the work is interesting and gives you positive feelings.
- **dull, boring, uninteresting, unstimulating:** the work is not interesting.
- **repetitive, routine:** the work involves doing the same things again and again.
- **tiring, tough, hard, demanding:** the work is difficult and makes you tired.

C Nature of work

My work involves ...

- + noun
- human contact
- long hours
- team work
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- + -ing
- solving problems
- travelling a lot
- dealing with customers