

Chapter 1 : Personal Life

‘Jobs and Employment’

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+ Writing & Speaking Bonus: sth requires sb to do sth

Professor required his students to return their papers typed.

The new plan requires everyone to work together cooperatively.

Success requires a lot of hard work.

1- freelancing career
being employed by different people, not one

Some Examples:

*Zoe does a bit of **freelance photography** as a sideline.*

*She continued to work for the company on a **freelance basis**.*

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+ **Idioms** (for Speaking) : Up to my ears in work/debt/clients/ etc

There's no way I can take a vacation right now, I'm up to my ears in work at the moment!

Dana was worried she wouldn't find any work as an accountant working for herself, but she's up to her ears in clients now!

2- overwhelm (v)

give too much of something to/
have a strong emotional effect

Some Examples:

*After my lecture, the students began to **overwhelm** me with questions.*

*To be honest, thinking about the responsibility of making those decisions was **overwhelming** at times.*

3- exert (v)

apply to bear/ make a physical or mental effort

Some Examples:

*The moon **exerts** a force on the Earth*

*He **exerts a lot of influence** on the members of the committee.*

*He needs to **exert** himself to try to find an answer.*

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+ Writing & Speaking Bonus:
use of one in academic writing

*Educational books can help improve **one's** vocabulary.*

***One** can be influenced by many people throughout the life.*

*It is **one's** sense of responsibility that determines **one's** success.*

4- differ (v)
be unlike or dissimilar

Some Examples:

*The second set of data **differed** from the first.*

*He **differed** from his parents in ethical matters.*

*Ben and I have **differing** views on this issue.*