

IELTS Work Vocabulary: Gap Fill Exercise

Work is one of the top three most common topics in the IELTS Speaking test. It is likely to be the first set of questions the examiner asks. It could also be a Part 2 topic, which means that it continues into Part 3 as well. Learning work vocabulary should be a priority.

Below you will find questions about work for each part of the Speaking test. We have removed some of the keywords and placed them at the bottom of each section. Try and place each word in the correct place.

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Part 1-style questions

Examiner: What do you do?

Candidate: I work as a delivery driver for a large supermarket. I _____ at 8 am every morning, load my van, and set off on my _____.

Examiner: Why did you choose this job?

Candidate: During the coronavirus outbreak, there was a peak in demand for food and people in this profession were considered _____.

Examiner: Has your job changed a lot in the past couple of years?

Candidate: Since customers don't sign for delivery anymore, we need

to get an _____ check to ensure we have no _____. Security is becoming more important all the time.

Insert these words into the correct space above...

criminal ***enhanced DBS***

key workers ***clock in*** ***round***

Part 2-style task

Describe a person you know who is good at his or her job.

You should say:

- **who the person is**
- **what job they do**
- **what effect he or she has on other people**

and explain why he or she impresses other people.

Candidate:

I would like to talk about my sister, who emigrated to the UK as a nurse five years ago. She loves her job but last year was really difficult for her. She worked through the period of time when the coronavirus had gone _____.

Nursing is not a _____ job, but it is very _____. Her _____ is extensive, and she can _____ to do things that we cannot imagine. Her work requires a lot of _____ in order to keep herself and others safe.

I would love to _____, but I'm not _____ for that kind of work. My sister is a real hero – so many people owe their lives to her hard work and courage. Her job gives her a lot of _____ – but you need to be a special kind of person to do what she does.

Insert these words into the correct space above...

be called on *rewarding* *nine-to-five* *follow*

in her footsteps *job scope* *pandemic*

regimentation *fulfilment* *cut out*

Part 3-style questions

Examiner: What is the most popular kind of job in your country?

Candidate: It's _____ really. Many people are _____ doing some kind of office work. I think _____ are probably the majority.

Examiner: Is it becoming more important to keep our qualifications up to date?

Candidate: These days things seem to change at _____, and I think it is crucial to _____ the times. _____ is becoming more

common and boosting our qualifications can _____ new career opportunities and keep us ahead of the robots.

Examiner: Do you think it will become more common to change career paths in the future?

Candidate: As I just said, _____ is starting to make many people _____. If we don't regularly consider new _____ we might find ourselves _____.

Insert these words into the correct space above...

stuck behind a desk *job fields* *keep pace with*

white-collar workers *on the scrapheap*

breakneck speed *Automation* *hard to say*

artificial intelligence *redundant* *open up*

Now check your answers on this page.