

2A Working words

Activity type: Writing – Error correction – Pairs / Groups of three, teams

Aim: To practise and extend learners' knowledge of vocabulary and collocation

Language: Work / Study-related collocations – Use any time after 2.1.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for each group or pair of learners, plus two copies (in enlarged form if possible) on the board for the whole class.

Time: 20 minutes

- 1 Tell learners that they are going to be correcting common collocations associated with work and study. Divide them into pairs or groups and give each pair/group one worksheet. Let learners know that there is one mistake in each sentence (though 'one mistake' could involve several words, requiring a correction using one word – as is the case in number 16).
- 2 Learners work together to correct the mistakes. Give them no more than five minutes to do this, allowing them to refer to their Coursebook if desired.
- 3 Paste (in enlarged form if possible) two worksheets on the board, labelling one 'A' and the other 'B'. Divide the class into two corresponding teams (A and B). Give each team a different-coloured board marker. Give individuals in each team letters (a, b, c, etc.), beginning with 'a' in each team. Explain that you are going to call out letters and the two learners with the letter you call out have to go to the board as quickly as possible and correct on their team's sheet the sentence whose number you call out.
- 4 The winning team is the team with the highest number of 'correct' corrections once you have read out the numbers of all the sentences.

1 you have to do a lot of exams 2 I did courses in economics
3 He did community service 4 She was good at maths 5 I left my last job
6 I went to university 7 did a course in French 8 works as a nurse
9 work in marketing 10 passed all her exams 11 I wanted to be a police officer
12 She got a degree 13 applied to a local college 14 talk on architecture
15 interested in languages 16 I left school 17 got a job

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- 1 If you want to do my kind of job, you have to make a lot of exams.
- 2 I followed courses in economics at university.
- 3 He made community service before he went to college.
- 4 She was good in maths at school and became an economist.
- 5 I left my last work because I got a better one.
- 6 I visited university in my home town.
- 7 My brother did a course of French last summer.
- 8 My mother works being a nurse.
- 9 I work about marketing.
- 10 She succeeded all her exams.
- 11 When I was a child, I wanted to be police officer.
- 12 She won a degree in art history.
- 13 He's recently applied at a local college.
- 14 We went to an excellent talk in architecture.
- 15 He's never really been interested for languages.
- 16 I went away from school when I was sixteen.
- 17 My best friend has recently got a work in the IT industry.