

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Work collocations					
earn a salary	verb phrase	ɜː(r)n ə 'sæləri	ɜrn ə 'sæləri	receive an amount of money, every month or year, for the work you do	When I earn a salary , I can save to buy a house.
get a bonus	verb phrase	ɡet ə 'bəʊnəs	ɡet ə 'boʊnəs	to receive a sum of money added to your wages as a reward for good performance	Hard-workers may get a bonus .
get a company car	verb phrase	ɡet ə 'kʌmpəni kɑː(r)	ɡet ə 'kʌmpəni kɑr	receive a car belonging to your employer that you use while you work for them	He will get a company car with the new job.
get a pay raise	verb phrase	ɡet ə peɪ reɪz	ɡet ə peɪ reɪz	to receive an increase in the amount of money you are paid for doing your job	I hope to get a pay raise next year.
get more money	verb phrase	ɡet mɔː 'mʌni	ɡet mɔr 'mʌni	receive more money	If I got more money , I could buy it.
take a day off	verb phrase	teɪk ə deɪ ɒf	teɪk ə deɪ ɔf	take a day's vacation from work or school, on what would normally be a working day	Helen took the day off to visit her aunt.
to be unemployed	verb phrase	tuː biː ˌʌnɪm'plɔɪd	tu bi ˌʌnɪm'plɔɪd	without a paid job but available to work	He has been unemployed for 3 months.
work long hours	verb phrase	wɜː(r)k lɒŋ 'aʊə(r)z	wɜrk lɒŋ 'aʊrɪz	to do your job for more time than is normal	Police officers have to work long hours .
work shifts	verb phrase	wɜː(r)k ʃɪfts	wɜrk ʃɪfts	work for a period of time in a factory, hospital, or other place where some people work during the day and some work at night	Nurses usually work shifts .
Adjectives for appearance					
attractive	adjective	ə'træktɪv		pleasant to look at	They thought the new design was attractive .
casual	adjective	'kæʒuəl		relaxed and comfortable	He looked casual in his jeans and T-shirt.
colorful	adjective	'kʌlə(r)f(ə)l		has bright or many different colors	I love that colorful dress.
cool	adjective	kʊl	kul	impressive and modern	He is one of America's coolest young designers.
fashionable	adjective	'fæʃ(ə)nəb(ə)l		popular at a particular time	She always wears fashionable clothes.
stylish	adjective	'staɪlɪʃ		showing good judgement about how to dress well	She is a stylish dresser.
well-dressed	adjective	ˌwel 'drest	ˌwel 'drest	clean and neat, nicely dressed	Sandy's looking very well-dressed today.
work + preposition					
work at	verb + preposition	wɜː(r)k æt	wɜrk æt	to be employed by a named company	My sister works at Google.
work for	verb + preposition	wɜː(r)k fɔː(r)	wɜrk fɔr	to be employed by a particular type of company	She works for a big law firm in the city.
work in	verb + preposition	wɜː(r)k ɪn	wɜrk ɪn	to have a job in a particular area	He works in fashion.