

Salaries

Level

Elementary / Pre-intermediate

Tasks

Completing the missing vowels in a group of words connected with salaries

Putting a number of jobs in order from the highest paid to the lowest

Reading an article about salaries in the UK

Completing a verb form table

Discussing questions arising from the article

How to use the lesson

- 1 Write the word 'salary' on the board and check students know the word. Hand out the worksheet and ask students to complete the missing vowels in the four words. Ask questions with these words e.g. what is the difference between a salary and a wage? Do bank managers receive a bonus at the end of the year?

Answers

(a) bonus (b) income (c) earnings (d) wages

- 2 Ask students to guess the order of the salaries and check their answers by scanning the article.

Answers

1 = CEO, 2 = doctor, 3 = financial manager, 4 = lawyer, 5 = pilot, 6 = marketing manager, 7 = dentist, 8 = nurse, 9 = call center operator, 10 = taxi driver

- 3 Students read the whole article. Ask them to tell you why it is difficult to compare salaries (e.g. figures are averages, some people work long hours for the same money, some people get bonuses etc.). If appropriate, deal with any useful vocabulary such as: *average / public sector / scale / rough / taboo*.
- 4 Ask students to complete the table. If appropriate, get students to practise the sound endings of the regular verbs.

Answers

(a) go up / went up / gone up	(e) wonder / wondered / wondered
(b) rise / rose / risen	(f) include / included / included
(c) pay / paid / paid	(g) compare / compared / compared
(d) find / found / found	(h) publish / published / published

- 5 Ask students to discuss the questions in small groups. Ask one student from each group to report back the group's ideas to the class. Encourage discussion. Finish the lesson by providing language feedback.

Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://content.monster.co.uk/section325.asp>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salaries>

http://swz.salary.com/salarywizard/layoutscripts/swzl_newsearch.asp

<http://www.themanager.org/Knowledgebase/Career/Salary%20Statistics.htm>