

UNIT **6** *Read and Write*



En esta unidad vas a:

- leer los resultados de una encuesta sobre satisfacción laboral
- escribir sobre los resultados de una encuesta, utilizando expresiones como *the majority* y *the minority*.

OK, so you're the boss now. What next?



So you've been promoted to a position in management. Congratulations! But are you actually happy in your job?

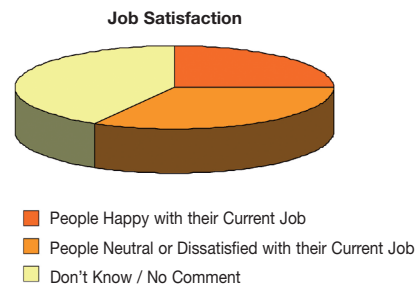
A survey of more than 2000 managers and professional staff has found that the three main reasons that workers stay in their jobs are: a decent salary, job satisfaction and manageable working hours.



The majority say that pay is the most important consideration in deciding whether or not to stay with a company. Not only is it important to earn a good salary, but people are happier when they

feel that their work is valued. However, most people also say they won't move while they're enjoying the job they're in. Some people maintain that working hours influence their decision to stay in the same company too. They consider a good job to be one where they work flexitime, so that they can start and finish work when they want to.

As for job satisfaction in general in the UK, it seems that only a few people experience job satisfaction at work. The minority say they are very happy in the job they're in while one in three are either neutral about it or are dissatisfied with their current job. Many people don't have an opinion either way.



As for reasons why managers and professionals would apply for another job, more money is still the obvious motivation, with the majority saying they would like to apply for a job with a higher salary. Half of the people questioned would apply because of the location of the job and only a minority would look for another job because of a company's image.

1 Completa el resumen con una palabra en cada espacio.



A survey has shown that there are **three** main reasons why managers stay in the same job. Firstly, few professionals look for a new job when they're earning a good **1** _____. and they feel that their work is **2** _____. Secondly, job **3** _____ is important to many employees. Finally, staff are concerned about their working **4** _____ and many people prefer to work **5** _____.

The second part of the survey shows that there are more people who are **6** _____ with their jobs than people who are happy.

The main reason why managers and professionals apply for a new job is to earn more **7** _____. Two other reasons are the **8** _____ of a job and the image of the company.

2 Corrige los errores y vuelve a escribir las frases.

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- 1 Job satisfaction is the most important reason for staying with a company.

- 2 Most people say they'll move while they're enjoying their job.

- 3 Flexitime isn't very popular with some people.

- 4 The majority of people in the UK say they're happy with their jobs.

- 5 One in four people are neutral or dissatisfied with their jobs.

- 6 Many professionals would like to apply for a new job with the same salary.

- 7 A quarter of the people would apply for a job because of the company's location.

Words to remember

3 Busca las palabras en el texto.



When someone is given a more important job in the same company (paragraph 1).

promoted

- 1 A study of the opinions of a group of people (paragraph 2). _____
- 2 The money you receive every month for your work (paragraph 2). _____
- 3 The feeling of enjoying your job (paragraph 2). _____
- 4 The time that you spend at work (paragraph 2). _____
- 5 Most people (paragraph 3). _____
- 6 Flexible working hours (paragraph 3). _____
- 7 Few people (paragraph 4). _____
- 8 Not happy with something (paragraph 4). _____
- 9 To write to ask for a job (paragraph 5). _____
- 10 The place where something is (paragraph 5). _____

Reporting the results of a survey

Cuando se hace referencia a los resultados de una encuesta, se pueden hacer generalizaciones con ayuda de las expresiones *the majority* (la mayoría) y *the minority* (la minoría). A diferencia del español, estas expresiones van seguidas de un verbo en plural.

The majority say that pay is the most important consideration.

La mayoría afirma que el sueldo es el factor más importante.

The minority say they are very happy in the job they're in.

Una minoría afirma estar muy contenta con su actual trabajo.

Las expresiones *most people* (casi todo el mundo, casi todos), *some people* (algunos, algunas personas) y *few people* (pocos, pocas personas) se emplean igualmente para expresar resultados, y también van seguidas de un verbo en plural.

Most people also say they won't move while they're enjoying the job they're in.

Casi todo el mundo dice que no va a cambiar de trabajo mientras siga contento con el que tiene.

Some people maintain that working hours influence their decision.

Algunos sostienen que el horario laboral influye en la decisión.

Few people experience job satisfaction at work.

Pocas personas gozan de satisfacción laboral en su trabajo.

1 Elige la respuesta correcta.

The changing face of air travel

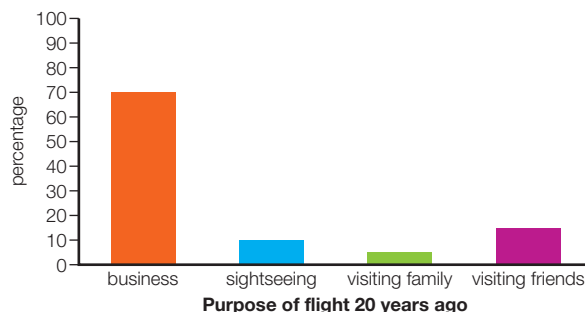
A survey into air travel was carried out recently by the main international airlines. These are the results of the survey.

Travelling on business

Twenty years ago most air passengers travelled abroad because of their work. Nowadays **1 the majority / the minority** say they're travelling on business.

Sightseeing breaks

In the past, **2 few people / most people** took flights to go sightseeing whereas now **3 the minority / the majority** take flights for this reason.



Visiting family

Today **4 some people / few people** travel by plane to attend a family celebration whereas twenty years ago **5 few people / most people** could afford to do this.

Visiting friends

In the past **6 most people / few people** travelled by plane to visit friends as flights were too expensive. The number has fallen even further and now **7 the minority / the majority** of passengers fly abroad to visit friends.

