

Idioms about jobs

Match the following explanations with the idioms below.



Explanations:

- 1- to be the person responsible for everything
- 2- to work very hard
- 3- to end the day's work
- 4- an important person / a leader
- 5- something unpleasant or difficult work
- 6- to receive a large payment on leaving a company
- 7- to be dismissed
- 8- to learn or to know how to do a job or an activity
- 9- to make a great effort
- 10- to lose one's job
- 11- to exercise authority or be in charge
- 12- a job in to which there is no chance of progressing

Idioms:

- a) Today, was my first day on the job, so I was still **learning the ropes**.
- b) Julian lost his job. He **was fired** yesterday.
- c) We **sweated blood** to get all this work done on time.
- d) When her brother left university, he became **a big cheese** at Microsoft.
- e) Jason **got the sack** for repeatedly coming into work late.
- f) I'm stuck in this **dead-end job**. The pay is low and there is no promotion.
- g) Our company is suffering a corporate restructuring. They are giving some workers **a golden handshake** to leave their jobs.
- h) When our boss is away, Robert is the **chief cook and bottle washer**.
- i) Oh my God, it's already 7 pm. Let's **call it a day** and go home.
- j) Who is **calling the shots** in this office? I want the work finished by 5 pm today.
- k) They **worked their fingers to the bone** so that their children could have everything they needed.
- l) He didn't have the courage to fire Jack. He got someone to **do the dirty work**.

Key: 1h, 2c, 3i, 4d, 5l, 6g, 7e, 8a, 9k, 10b, 11j, 12f