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Generation Z is facing a 'career apocalypse'

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THE ARTICLE

Times are hard for young people looking for work. It is becoming more and more difficult for Generation Z (or Gen Zers) to find a job. A Gen Zer is someone born between the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s. Students who have just graduated from university cannot find employment. Aki Ito, chief correspondent for the "Business Insider" website, warned of a "career apocalypse". She said uncertainty in the world has "taught today's graduates to prepare for the worst". The British journalist and writer Peter Hitchens said one reason is that people are studying for "worthless degrees". He said young people would "be much better off" if they became plumbers or electricians.

There are over 4 million Gen Zers not in school or work in the USA. In the UK, there is a similar problem. There were 987,000 young people aged 16 to 24 not in education, employment, or training in December of last year. This has risen by over 100,000 in the past year. Many people cannot find jobs because of artificial intelligence (AI). An increasing number of jobs are now being done by AI. There are fears that teachers, accountants, lawyers, writers, and other jobs could completely disappear. However, some people say many graduates no longer want to do "entry-level" jobs. Instead, they want to enter a company at a management level and get well paid in their very first job.

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WARM-UPS

1. CAREERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about careers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

hard times / young people / Generation Z / university / career / apocalypse / degree / school / work / education / employment / artificial intelligence / fears / teachers / paid

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. AI: Students A **strongly** believe that AI will create more jobs than it will take over; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CAREERS: What are the good and bad things about these careers? How will A.I. change them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	**Bad Things**	**A.I.**
Teacher			
Lawyer			
Writer			
Doctor			
Farmer			
Astronaut			

5. WORK: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "work". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. DEGREE: Rank these with your partner. Put the most useful degrees at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Medicine
- Philosophy
- Music
- Law

- Anime studies
- Engineering
- Computer coding
- Maths

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	graduated	a.	Having a job and working for money.
2.	employment	b.	Not knowing what will happen in the future.
3.	correspondent	c.	A big disaster that causes a lot of problems.
4.	apocalypse	d.	A person who writes news for a newspaper, TV, or website.
5.	uncertainty	e.	Finished school or university after completing all studies.
6.	worthless	f.	A person who fixes pipes, sinks, and toilets.
7.	plumber	g.	Not useful or not having value.

Paragraph 2

8.	similar	h.	A person who has finished school or university.
9.	risen	i.	Almost the same.
10.	fears (noun)	j.	To go away and not be seen.
11.	accountant	k.	Got money for working.
12.	disappear	l.	Feelings of being scared or worried.
13.	graduate (noun)	m.	A person who works with money and numbers for a business.
14.	paid	n.	Gone up or become more.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1.   It is difficult for young people to find a job today.   **T / F**
2.   People in Generation Z were all born in the early part of this century.   **T / F**
3.   A journalist said an uncertain world is preparing graduates for the worst. **T / F**
4.   Another journalist said being a plumber is better than getting a degree.   **T / F**
5.   More than 14 million Gen Zers in the US do not have a job.   **T / F**
6.   The article said AI is taking away people's jobs.   **T / F**
7.   The article said jobs like lawyers and teachers could disappear.   **T / F**
8.   Young people are happy to do any kind of job, even if it's poorly paid.   **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	**hard**	a.	worries
2.	**employment**	b.	get ready
3.	**correspondent**	c.	comparable
4.	**prepare**	d.	gone up
5.	**worthless**	e.	difficult
6.	**similar**	f.	vanish
7.	**risen**	g.	useless
8.	**fears**	h.	work
9.	**disappear**	i.	join
10.	**enter**	j.	reporter

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1.	Times are hard for young people	a.	late 1990s
2.	It is becoming more and more difficult Z	b.	disappear
3.	the mid-to-	c.	degrees
4.	taught today's graduates to	d.	management level
5.	people are studying for worthless	e.	for Generation
6.	In the UK, there is a	f.	by over 100,000
7.	This has risen	g.	number of jobs
8.	An increasing	h.	looking for work
9.	other jobs could completely	i.	prepare for the worst
10.	enter a company at a	j.	similar problem

GAP FILL

Times are (1) _____ for young people looking for work. It is becoming more and more difficult for Generation Z (or Gen Zers) to find a job. A Gen Zer is someone (2) _____ between the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s. Students who have just graduated from university cannot (3) _____ employment. Aki Ito, chief correspondent for the "Business Insider" website, warned of a "(4) _____ apocalypse". She said (5) _____ in the world has "taught today's graduates to prepare for the (6) _____". The British journalist and writer Peter Hitchens said one (7) _____ is that people are studying for "worthless degrees". He said young people would "be much (8) _____ off" if they became plumbers or electricians.

career

reason

born

better

uncertainty

hard

find

worst

There are over 4 million Gen Zers not in school or (9) _____ in the USA. In the UK, there is a similar problem. There were 987,000 young people aged 16 to 24 not in (10) _____, employment, or training in December of last year. This has (11) _____ by over 100,000 in the past year. Many people cannot find jobs because of artificial intelligence (AI). An (13) _____ number of jobs are now being done by AI. There are (13) _____ that teachers, accountants, lawyers, writers, and other jobs could completely (14) _____. However, some people say many graduates no (15) _____ want to do "entry-level" jobs. Instead, they want to enter a company at a management level and get well (16) _____ in their very first job.

risen

longer

fears

education

paid

work

increasing

disappear

LISTENING – **Guess the answers. Listen to check.**

1) Times are hard for young people _____
    a. looking for works
    b. looking from work
    c. look in for work
    d. looking for work

2) A Gen Zer is someone born between the mid-to-late 1990s _____
    a. and earthly 2010s
    b. and early 2010
    c. and early 2010s
    d. end early 2010s

3) She said uncertainty in the world has taught today's graduates to prepare _____
    a. for the worst
    b. for the worse
    c. for the waste
    d. for the worsen

4) Hitchens said one reason is that people are studying _____
    a. for worthless degree
    b. for worthless decrees
    c. for worthless degrees
    d. for worthless decree

5) He said young people would "be much better off" if they became _____
    a. plum merge electricians
    b. plumbers or electricians
    c. plumbers or electrician
    d. plumber or electricals

6) There were 987,000 young people aged 16 to 24 _____
    a. not on education
    b. not in education
    c. knotting education
    d. not in educational

7) An increasing number of jobs are now being _____
    a. done buy AI
    b. done bye AI
    c. done by AI
    d. done buyer AI

8) accountants, lawyers, writers, and other jobs _____
    a. could complete disappear
    b. could completely disappears
    c. could completion disappear
    d. could completely disappear

9) However, some people say many graduates no longer want to do _____
    a. entry-levels jobs
    b. entry-level jobs
    c. entry-level job
    d. enter-level jobs

10) they want to enter a company at a management level and _____
    a. gets well paid
    b. get good paid
    c. get well pay
    d. get well paid

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

Times are (1) _____ people looking for work. It is becoming more and more difficult for Generation Z (or Gen Zers) to find a job. A Gen Zer (2) _____ between the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s. Students who have just graduated from university (3) _____. Aki Ito, chief correspondent for the "Business Insider" website, warned of a "career apocalypse". She said uncertainty in the world has "taught today's graduates to prepare (4) _____". The British journalist and writer Peter Hitchens said (5) _____ that people are studying for "worthless degrees". He said young people would "be much better off" if they (6) _____ electricians.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What is it difficult for young people to find?

2. Who is born between the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s?

3. What did a journalist say young people are being taught to prepare for?

4. What degrees did a journalist say some people were studying for?

5. What did a journalist say people could work as besides being a plumber?

6. How many Gen Zers in the USA are not in school or work?

7. What is an increasing number of jobs now being done by?

8. What do people worry might happen to jobs in law and accountancy?

9. What kinds of jobs do many graduates not want to do?

10. Where in a company do many young people want to start working?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) What is it difficult for young people to find?
a) pens
b) work
c) motivation
d) their résumé (CV)

2) Who is born between the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s?
a) Generation Y
b) pensioners
c) Millennials
d) Gen Zers

3) What did a journalist say young people are being taught to prepare for?
a) competition
b) exams
c) the worst
d) job interviews

4) What degrees did a journalist say some people were studying for?
a) worthless degrees
b) Master's degrees
c) Bachelor's degrees
d) arts degrees

5) What did a journalist say people could work as besides being a plumber?
a) a teacher
b) an electrician
c) an accountant
d) a pizza delivery driver

6) How many Gen Zers in the USA are not in school or work?
a) over 4 million
b) exactly 4 million
c) fewer than 4 million
d) around 4 million

7) What is an increasing number of jobs now being done by?
a) overseas workers
b) robots
c) AI
d) the aged

8) What do people worry might happen to jobs in law and accountancy?
a) they might completely disappear
b) they might merge
c) there might be enough of them
d) the pay might go down

9) What kinds of jobs do many graduates not want to do?
a) white-collar jobs
b) highly-skilled jobs
c) blue-collar jobs
d) entry-level jobs

10) Where in a company do many young people want to start working?
a) the bottom
b) in an office
c) at management level
d) on a factory floor

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Medicine

You think medicine is the best degree to study for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their degrees. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): music, anime studies or computer coding.

Role B – Music

You think music is the best degree to study for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their degrees. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): medicine, anime studies or computer coding.

Role C – Anime Studies

You think anime studies is the best degree to study for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their degrees. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): music, medicine or computer coding.

Role D – Computer Coding

You think computer coding is the best degree to study for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their degrees. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): music, anime studies or medicine.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words 'career' and 'apocalypse'.

career	apocalypse

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

- hard	- similar
- mid	- aged
- warned	- past
- taught	- fears
- reason	- longer
- better	- paid

CAREERS SURVEY

From   https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250403-career-apocalypse.html

Write five GOOD questions about careers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CAREERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?

2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'career'?

3. What career do you want?

4. How many careers do you think you will have?

5. What jobs have you done?

6. Do you worry about finding work?

7. Why is it harder for young people to find work?

8. What degrees might be 'worthless'?

9. What advice do you have for people looking for a job?

10. Would you rather be a plumber or an electrician?

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CAREERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?

12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'apocalypse'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. What is the perfect job for you?

15. What do you think of your education?

16. What do you think of artificial intelligence?

17. What do you think of AI taking over people's jobs?

18. What would you think if AI took over from teachers?

19. What do you think of a 'career apocalypse'?

20. What questions would you like to ask a young job hunter?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

Times are (1) _____ for young people looking for work. It is becoming more and more difficult for Generation Z (or Gen Zers) to (2) _____ a job. A Gen Zer is someone born between the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s. Students who have (3) _____ graduated from university cannot find employment. Aki Ito, chief correspondent for the "Business Insider" website, warned of a "career apocalypse". She said uncertainty (4) _____ the world has "(5) _____ today's graduates to prepare for the worst". The British journalist and writer Peter Hitchens said one reason is that people are studying for "worthless degrees". He said young people would "be much better (6) _____" if they became plumbers or electricians.

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	harden	(b)	hardly	(c)	hardy	(d)	hard
2.	(a)	fond	(b)	fend	(c)	fund	(d)	find
3.	(a)	justly	(b)	just	(c)	adjust	(d)	justice
4.	(a)	at	(b)	of	(c)	in	(d)	to
5.	(a)	taught	(b)	teach	(c)	teaching	(d)	teacher
6.	(a)	off	(b)	up	(c)	on	(d)	in
7.	(a)	simile	(b)	similarity	(c)	same	(d)	similar
8.	(a)	of	(b)	in	(c)	at	(d)	to
9.	(a)	increase	(b)	increasing	(c)	increases	(d)	creasing
10.	(a)	did	(b)	do	(c)	done	(d)	doing
11.	(a)	not	(b)	non	(c)	no	(d)	none
12.	(a)	good	(b)	well	(c)	nice	(d)	expensive

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. nieertango Z (or Gen Zers)

2. aegrtadud from university

3. cannot find nlyoptmeme

4. The British jtsaulrnio and writer

5. studying for worthless dgreese

6. plumbers or ectcraelisni

Paragraph 2

7. there is a mairisl problem

8. This has iensr by over 100,000

9. ifiraatcli intelligence

10. sawyelr, writers, and other jobs

11. other jobs could completely seaapprdi

12. at a maanengtem level

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )   "be much better off" if they became plumbers or electricians.

( )   a job. A Gen Zer is someone born between the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s. Students who have just

( )   artificial intelligence (AI). An increasing number of jobs are now being done by AI. There are fears

( )   enter a company at a management level and get well paid in their very first job.

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( )   in December of last year. This has risen by over 100,000 in the past year. Many people cannot find jobs because of

( )   people say many graduates no longer want to do "entry-level" jobs. Instead, they want to

( )   prepare for the worst". The British journalist and writer Peter Hitchens said one

( )   problem. There were 987,000 young people aged 16 to 24 not in education, employment, or training

( )   reason is that people are studying for "worthless degrees". He said young people would

( )   that teachers, accountants, lawyers, writers, and other jobs could completely disappear. However, some

( )   There are over 4 million Gen Zers not in school or work in the USA. In the UK, there is a similar

(*1*)   Times are hard for young people looking for work. It is becoming more and more difficult for Generation Z (or Gen Zers) to find

( )   warned of a "career apocalypse". She said uncertainty in the world has "taught today's graduates to

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. hard   for   are   Times   looking   work   .   youngsters   for

2. who   have   Students   graduated   university   .   from   just

3. correspondent   warned   of   a   apocalypse   .   career   A

4. prepare   today's   worst   .   to   the   graduates   Taught   for

5. plumbers   .   off   better   much   Be   if   became   they

6. the   similar   there   is   a   In   UK   problem   .

7. a   by   in   This   risen   year   .   100,000   has

8. entry-level   want   to   Graduates   do   longer   jobs   .   no

9. Enter   company   a   a   management   level   .   at

10. paid   first   in   their   well   job   .   Get   very

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From

Times are hard for *young / youngster* people looking for work. It is *become / becoming* more and more *difficult / difficulty* for Generation Z (or Gen Zers) to find a job. A Gen Zer is someone born *between / among* the mid-to-late 1990s and early 2010s. Students who have *adjust / just* graduated from university cannot find employment. Aki Ito, *chef / chief* correspondent for the "Business Insider" website, warned *of / for* a "career apocalypse". She said uncertainty *on / in* the world has "taught today's graduates to prepare for the worst". The British journalist and writer Peter Hitchens said one reason is *what / that* people are studying for "worthless degrees". He said young people would "be much better off" if they became plumbers *or / nor* electricians.

There are *over / higher* 4 million Gen Zers not in school or work *in / at* the USA. In the UK, there is a *similar / similarity* problem. There were 987,000 young people aged 16 to 24 not *on / in* education, employment, or training in December of last year. This has *raised / risen* by over 100,000 in the past year. Many people cannot find jobs because *of / for* artificial intelligence (AI). An increasing number of jobs are now being *done / doing* by AI. There are fears that teachers, accountants, lawyers, writers, and *another / other* jobs could completely disappear. However, some people say many graduates no *lengthen / longer* want to do "entry-level" jobs. Instead, they want to enter a company at a management level and get well *pay / paid* in their very first job.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

T_m_s _r_ h_rd f_r y__ng p__pl_ l__k_ng f_r w_rk. _t _s b_c_m_ng m_r_ _nd m_r_ d_ff_c_lt f_r G_n_r_t__n Z (_r G_n Z_rs) t_ f_nd _ j_b. _ G_n Z_r _s s_m__n_ b_rn b_tw__n th_ m_d-t_-l_t_ 1990s _nd __rly 2010s. St_d_nts wh_ h_v_ j_st gr_d__t_d fr_m _n_v_rs_ty c_nn_t f_nd _mpl_ym_nt. _k_ _t_, ch__f c_rr_sp_nd_nt f_r th_ "B_s_n_ss _ns_d_r" w_bs_t_, w_rn_d _f _ "c_r__r _p_c_lyps_". Sh_ s__d _nc_rt__nty _n th_ w_rld h_s "t__ght t_d_y's gr_d__t_s t_ pr_p_r_ f_r th_ w_rst". Th_ Br_t_sh j__rn_l_st _nd wr_t_r P_t_r H_tch_ns s__d _n_ r__s_n _s th_t p__pl_ _r_ st_dy_ng f_r "w_rthl_ss d_gr__s". H_ s__d y__ng p__pl_ w__ld "b_ m_ch b_tt_r _ff" _f th_y b_c_m_ pl_mb_rs _r _l_ctr_c__ns.

Th_r_ _r_ _v_r 4 m_ll__n G_n Z_rs n_t _n sch__l _r w_rk _n th_ _S_. _n th_ _K, th_r_ _s _ s_m_l_r pr_bl_m. Th_r_ w_r_ 987,000 y__ng p__pl_ _g_d 16 t_ 24 n_t _n _d_c_t__n, _mpl_ym_nt, _r tr__n_ng _n D_c_mb_r _f l_st y__r. Th_s h_s r_s_n by _v_r 100,000 _n th_ p_st y__r. M_ny p__pl_ c_nn_t f_nd j_bs b_c__s_ _f _rt_f_c__l _nt_ll_g_nc_ (__). _n _ncr__s_ng n_mb_r _f j_bs _r_ n_w b__ng d_n_ by __. Th_r_ _r_ f__rs th_t t__ch_rs, _cc__nt_nts, l_wy_rs, wr_t_rs, _nd _th_r j_bs c__ld c_mpl_t_ly d_s_pp__r. H_w_v_r, s_m_ p__pl_ s_y m_ny gr_d__t_s n_ l_ng_r w_nt t_ d_ "_ntry-l_v_l" j_bs. _nst__d, th_y w_nt t_ _nt_r _ c_mp_ny _t _ m_n_g_m_nt l_v_l _nd g_t w_ll p__d _n th__r v_ry f_rst j_b.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

times are hard for young people looking for work it is becoming more and more difficult for generation z or gen zers to find a job a gen zer is someone born between the midtolate 1990s and early 2010s students who have just graduated from university cannot find employment aki ito chief correspondent for the business insider website warned of a career apocalypse she said uncertainty in the world has taught todays graduates to prepare for the worst the british journalist and writer peter hitchens said one reason is that people are studying for worthless degrees he said young people would be much better off if they became plumbers or electricians

there are over 4 million gen zers not in school or work in the usa in the uk there is a similar problem there were 987000 young people aged 16 to 24 not in education employment or training in december of last year this has risen by over 100000 in the past year many people cannot find jobs because of artificial intelligence ai an increasing number of jobs are now being done by ai there are fears that teachers accountants lawyers writers and other jobs could completely disappear however some people say many graduates no longer want to do entrylevel jobs instead they want to enter a company at a management level and get well paid in their very first job

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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onebornbetweenthemid-to-late1990sandearly2010s.Studentswho
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FREE WRITING

Write about **careers** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

Artificial intelligence is a good thing for jobs and careers. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CAREERS: Make a poster about careers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. AI: Write a magazine article about artificial intelligence helping with more jobs. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on careers. Ask him/her three questions about careers. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

| 1. | e | 2. | a | 3. | d | 4. | c | 5. | b | 6. | g | 7. | f |
| 8. | i | 9. | n | 10. | l | 11. | m | 12. | j | 13. | h | 14. | k |

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1 T   2 F   3 T   4 T   5 F   6 T   7 T   8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. j	4. b	5. g
6. c	7. d	8. a	9. f	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Work
2. Gen Zers
3. The worst
4. Worthless degrees
5. An electrician
6. Over 4 million
7. AI
8. They might disappear
9. Entry-level jobs
10. At management level

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Times are hard for youngsters looking for work.
2. Students who have just graduated from university.
3. A correspondent warned of a career apocalypse.
4. Taught today's graduates to prepare for the worst.
5. Be much better off if they became plumbers.
6. In the UK there is a similar problem.
7. This has risen by 100,000 in a year.
8. Graduates no longer want to do entry-level jobs.
9. Times are hard for youngsters looking for work.
10. Students who have just graduated from university.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b   2. d   3. c   4. a   5. b   6. a   7. c   8. a   9. d   10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)