

Unit 2 People's lives

1 Complete the table below with the appropriate noun, verb or adjective.

| noun | verb | adjective |
|--------------|-----------|------------|
| achievement | | |
| ambition | _____ | |
| applicant | | _____ |
| | _____ | artistic |
| | award | _____ |
| courage | _____ | |
| | | impressive |
| | innovate | |
| knowledge | | |
| | persuade | |
| pride | _____ | |
| | recognise | |
| satisfaction | | |
| skill | _____ | |
| talent | _____ | |
| training | | |
| | _____ | vocational |

2 Complete these sentences with the correct form (noun, verb or adjective) of the word in brackets.

- Many companies value (*innovate*) ideas as much as (*skill*) or (*train*).
- In a job, it is good to get (*recognise*) for your (*achieve*).
- He gave her every (*encourage*) to take (*proud*) in her work and to be (*ambition*).
- Her (*know*) was very (*impress*), and she could also be very (*persuade*).

3 Put the adjectives and nouns below in column A or column B to make a verb phrase. There are seven words in each column.

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| courage | knowledge | ambitious | a postgraduate | proud | talented | an award |
| outstanding | recognition | a candidate | a skill | satisfaction | artistic | training |

| A gain/obtain | B be |
|---------------|------|
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4 Choose a word from the exercises above to complete the following sentences. In some cases there may be more than one correct answer.

- 1 My objective is to gain a/an for my academic
- 2 We encouraged him to develop his considerable artistic and to become a designer.
- 3 One of the for this job is really , and her skill is She therefore deserves to be offered the job.
- 4 We must ensure that she receives the that she deserves for her management
- 5 My is to complete the training to become an electrician.
- 6 We hope to him to gain a qualification after he finishes his degree.

5 A small international company near you is seeking applicants for a job dealing with clients in English-speaking countries.

Write a letter applying for the job. You should state:

- where you saw the advertisement
- why you would like the job
- your relevant qualifications and experience.

Your letter should be at least 150 words.

6 Complete the questionnaire about yourself and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

| | you | your partner |
|---|-----|--------------|
| What is your work/study ambition? | | |
| What skills or talents do you have? | | |
| What do you think is important for job satisfaction? | | |
| Name an achievement that you are proud of. | | |
| Have you ever received an award? What for? | | |
| Should parents encourage or persuade their children to apply for particular jobs or training? | | |