

Topic 8 WOW – THE WORLD OF WORK

1 Complete the text using vocabulary from topic 8.

The world of work

Today's world of work is _____ changing. One reason for this development is automation.

Many people are _____ with it and only see the benefits. On the one hand, automation will make work increasingly easier, but on the other, many jobs are at _____ and trade _____ are doing their very best to fight against job losses. At the same time, however, the British government is _____ new laws in order to limit trade unions' power. In the future, it will be harder for workers to go on strike and _____ may become a civil _____ under certain circumstances – workers who do not _____ a strike and are willing to work should be allowed to do so.

Supporting women in the world of work is a major part of the trade unions' fight for workers' rights. Although today more women can make it to the top, some people still doubt whether a woman can become the _____ of a company. This has a lot to do with the traditional roles of the sexes that are still fixed in some people's minds. For example, if a woman wants to _____ her baby, she is supposed to do this at home. However, thankfully there are companies which offer flexible working _____ so women will find it easier to dedicate time to their babies and _____, and to their job at the same time.

Another point which is becoming more and more important for companies is cultural _____. Due to globalization companies are frequently _____ to more different cultures than ever before, and having a _____ concept of how to deal with these differences helps companies avoid misunderstandings.

All in all, globalization is a very controversial development. Some people say there are more winners than losers, and others say that companies are the only winners of globalization. Since they can easily _____ shore jobs, they can profit from cheap labour. It is _____ that this increases profits. But shouldn't companies _____ that they maintain jobs in Europe as well? Due to the _____ of automation and globalization the total number of jobs has already _____ considerably in Europe. Today's situation is _____ recognizable in comparison with a few decades ago, and the world of work will _____ continue to change in the future.

2 Match the words on the left (1-7) with their synonyms on the right (A-G).

1	dividend	A	strongly
2	equitably	B	to finance
3	to delink	C	to introduce
4	to fund	D	to supervise
5	firmly	E	gain
6	to oversee	F	to separate
7	to implement	G	fairly

3 Match the words on the left (1-7) with their definitions on the right (A-G).

1	to unveil	A	an official examination
2	to choke off	B	feeling something so strongly that you can't think clearly
3	to empower somebody to do something	C	to prevent from happening
4	audit	D	the crime of buying and selling people
5	overwhelmed	E	to show people a new plan
6	human trafficking	F	to say strongly that something is very important
7	to emphasise	G	to give somebody the right to do something

4 Fill in the gaps.

- The _____ of something tells you how useful it is.
- Germany doesn't _____ immigrants to work as long as they are not recognized refugees.
- An _____ is someone who starts a business.
- You are a long way _____ when your goals are still far away.
- In global companies you _____ upon many cultural differences.
- The _____ of globalization has existed since the very beginning.
- Before a strike can start, there must be a _____ so people can vote for or against the strike.

5 What is it in German?

- to affect _____
- proficiency _____
- abundance _____
- rejection _____
- to bargain _____
- to benefit _____
- as opposed to _____
- turnout _____
- approval _____