

## Self- Employed

My name is Stuart Foster. I \_\_\_\_\_26 people. I own a garage and car sales company. We deal in Ford cars and commercial vehicles.

I employ ten \_\_\_\_\_, two motor apprentices, three \_\_\_\_\_, a sales manager, a repairs manager or garage \_\_\_\_\_, three office staff, two receptionists, one \_\_\_\_\_ worker, one car valet, a \_\_\_\_\_ and myself, as \_\_\_\_\_.

We buy and sell \_\_\_\_\_ cars as well as selling new cars.

I expect my staff to be hardworking and honest, to be punctual and efficient and to be good \_\_\_\_\_ workers.

My name is Julia Browne. I own and run a small hotel and restaurant in Co. Dublin. There are fourteen rooms in the hotel, a bar and lounge and dining room. The restaurant is separate and it is very popular for evening meals.

I employ 16 people. I have two chefs, one kitchen \_\_\_\_\_, three waiting staff, two housekeepers/cleaning staff, one full-time barman and two part-time, two receptionists, part-time. I manage the hotel myself but I have an \_\_\_\_\_ manager to help me. I also employ a \_\_\_\_\_ to look after the grounds.

I have very good staff, they are all hard workers and very \_\_\_\_\_ to me. When we are busy they have no problem working extra hours or overtime. They have to work \_\_\_\_\_ hours because we need staff on the \_\_\_\_\_ at all times.

My name is Paul Webster and myself and my wife Marion own and run a small grocery business. Our shop is located in a small village in the country and it does a good local \_\_\_\_\_. We sell \_\_\_\_\_ and magazines and cigarettes and sweets as well as a full range of food and groceries. We don't employ many staff because we do most of the work ourselves but at weekends we employ three part-time shop assistants so that we can take some time off. One of these \_\_\_\_\_ also works on weekdays from 6 to 9pm.

We need staff who are honest and \_\_\_\_\_ and who are quick and \_\_\_\_\_ in the shop.

### Task 1

Look up these words and put them in the correct spaces in the three texts.

1. employ \_\_\_\_\_
2. trustworthy \_\_\_\_\_
3. trade \_\_\_\_\_
4. loyal \_\_\_\_\_
5. newspapers \_\_\_\_\_
6. salesmen \_\_\_\_\_
7. general \_\_\_\_\_
8. team \_\_\_\_\_
9. premises \_\_\_\_\_
10. general manager \_\_\_\_\_
11. assistant \_\_\_\_\_
12. managing director \_\_\_\_\_
13. shift \_\_\_\_\_
14. second-hand \_\_\_\_\_
15. gardener \_\_\_\_\_
16. foreman \_\_\_\_\_
17. employees \_\_\_\_\_
18. porter \_\_\_\_\_
19. mechanics \_\_\_\_\_
20. efficient \_\_\_\_\_

## Task 2

Explain these phrases

commercial vehicles

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motor apprentices

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team workers

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local trade

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## Task 3

Class discussion

Look at the employers again and think about the businesses they run.

Which person, do you think has the most successful business and why?

Which person would be the best to work for?

What are the benefits of being self-employed?