



All in a day's work?

- 1 What do you think the expression *all in a day's work* means? With a partner, write a definition and find out if you have a similar expression in your language. Is the meaning the same?
- 2 Look at the picture with your partner. Describe the clothes this person is wearing. What kind of job do you think he does? Give reasons for your answer.
- 3 Now imagine how someone working in an office would dress. What are the differences?
- 4 Look at the picture again. How do you think this man is feeling? Do you think he enjoys his job? Why/Why not? Would you like to do a job like his? What do you think his typical working day would include?
- 5 Do you know what these expressions associated with work mean? In pairs, find the definitions. Use a dictionary to help you if necessary. Which ones would you associate with the picture?
 - a work horse
 - a job for life
 - dirty work
 - to get worked up
 - to work like a dog
- 6 Do you know the difference between the term *blue collar worker* and *white collar worker*? What kind of job does the man in the photograph do? In groups of three, think of as many jobs as you can in each category. Which job would you all prefer to do? Why?

blue collar, eg factory worker	white collar, eg bank manager
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- 7 Do you think different qualities are required for blue and white collar jobs? In your groups discuss this in terms of age, qualifications and gender (and any other areas you think are important).
- 8 In a different group, read the following extract from a newspaper. Do you think the bonus is justified? Why do you think the blue collar workers didn't get a bonus? Who do you think works harder?

<p>The Managing Director of Oxtron-x, the famous technology multinational was in the news today as her bonus for the year was in the region of £200,000. This is on top of a salary of £800,000 per year. An Oxtron-x spokesperson said, 'The managing director works really long hours under very difficult circumstances. Her salary and bonus reflect the importance of her job and how hard she works.' Some critics believe this kind of bonus is too high and say it's not fair that that none of the other blue collar workers (cooks, cleaners and other staff) were awarded any bonuses this year.</p>

- 9 Go back to the list you made in question 6. Who do you think earns the most and who the least? Talk to each other about the reasons for these differences and if you agree with them.

