

## The Daily Grind

1. You will hear an interview with the head of an employment agency about job expectations. Choose the answer which fits best according to what you hear.

1 How does Diane Webber view 'jobs for life'?	4 According to Diane, what is the actual benefit of higher levels of personnel movement?
A She regrets the fact that this situation is no longer the norm.	A higher levels of output
B She feels that many long-serving employees failed to make a useful contribution.	B better problem-solving
C She believes that people should have challenged their employers' motives more.	C more creativity
D She wishes the workplace had been more secure in the past.	D greater efficiency
2 According to Diane, younger workers in today's workplace	5 Diane considers that nowadays, companies are at most risk from
A learn all the skills they need early on.	A run-of-the-mill employees who play safe.
B accept lateral moves if they are attractive.	B successful high-fliers who quickly move on.
C expect to receive benefits right from the start.	C unreliable staff who lack commitment.
D change jobs regularly to achieve a higher level.	D external advisors who have undue power.
3 What does Diane say about staff continuity in companies?	
A It is desirable in both junior and senior management.	
B It is impossible to achieve in today's more competitive environment.	
C It is unimportant, due to the greater emphasis on teamwork.	
D It is necessary, but only up to a point.	

2. Explain what Diane meant by the following expressions:

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| <p><b>a</b> a golden handshake</p> <p><b>b</b> cut their teeth</p> <p><b>c</b> progress up the rungs</p> <p><b>d</b> a mixed blessing</p> <p><b>e</b> dog-eat-dog</p> <p><b>f</b> the slightest whiff of</p> <p><b>g</b> snapped up</p> | <p><b>h</b> a track record</p> <p><b>i</b> mindset</p> <p><b>j</b> the jury's still out</p> <p><b>k</b> a quantum leap</p> <p><b>l</b> quick fixes</p> <p><b>m</b> keep their heads down</p> |
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