Language

- 1. Look through the articles again and underline all the expressions with the word 'reason'.
- 2. One of the following patterns is wrong. Which one?
- a. I see no reason to worry about it.
- b. I see no reason not to employ her.
- c. I see no reason why he shouldn't work here.
- d. I see no reason of changing my mind.
- e. I see no reason for getting upset about it.
- 3. Put these expressions into the sentences below:

| | the real reason | some reason | one good reason | no reason |
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| 1. I can't think of why we shouldn't give him the job. He's the ideal candidate. | | | | |
| 2. Nobody knows why he decided to resign, but there are lots of rumours around. | | | | |
| 3. You can't sack someone for If you do, you'll be breaking the law. | | | | |
| 4. For he thinks gays can't do the job properly, but he can't explain why. | | | | |

4. Delete the word or phrase which does not fit this sentence:

She had to leave her job for personal, financial, medical, powerful, a number of reasons.

Discussion

Discuss these questions in pairs:

1. Do you think that there are any jobs which homosexuals should not be allowed to do? Consider these:

teacher child minder
priest politician
nurse doctor
TV presenter police officer

- 2. Do you think people should have to declare their sexuality when applying for any of those jobs? If so, which ones?
- 3. Think of three reasons why an employer might not employ someone who is gay. Are any of these good reasons?
- 4. Would you employ a gay person? Why? Why not?
- 5. Can you think of any jobs which a gay person would be better at than someone who was straight (heterosexual)?
- 6. Have you ever worked with someone who was gay? Was their sexual orientation a problem?

