Between the lines

“In a sense, the jobs outlook is a Catch-22-style conundrum. Companies say they would feel more confident — and start to hire in earnest — if unemployment were to fall below 8 per cent, yet unless they generate jobs, unemployment will not reach those levels.”

-- Financial Times, April 4, 2011
http://goo.gl/im2PZ

Unemployment that just won’t quit

Talking points

1. Jim Morin’s caption sums up the Catch-22 that the Financial Times describes as the unemployment problem we have in this country. Catch-22 is a satirical, historical novel by the American author Joseph Heller. Explain how the phrase applies here.

2. The unemployment problem is also described as a conundrum by the Financial Times. What’s a conundrum and how does the concept apply here?

3. To solve the problem who needs to go first? The employer providing jobs or the unemployed getting jobs?

Additional resources

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