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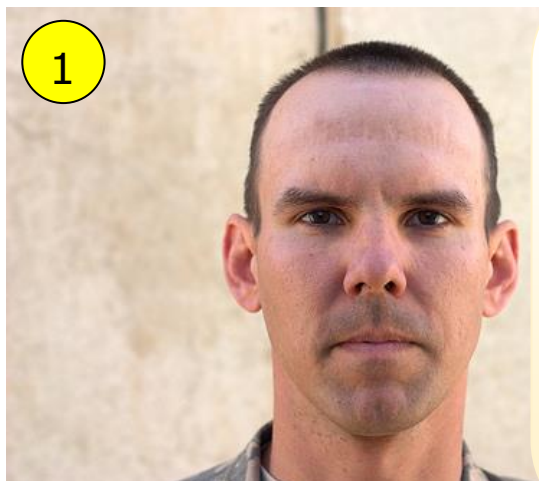
- How to talk about ethical issues and work.
- How to describe your ideal job.

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Read about these people talking about their jobs.
Can you work out what their jobs are?

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I learned this trade. I did a college course, which gave me the practical skills to get into the industry. Then I worked as an apprentice. In my job, I need to have an eye for detail, be fit, and good at Maths. Recently, I've been working on a skirting board and fitting the locks in a shop. *Jim*

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To become qualified, I needed to do an extra year after my degree. That year focused on the skills I needed to do my job, so there was a lot of practical experience as well as some theory. The best thing about my job is the sharing of knowledge. Working with young people also keeps me young at heart. But there's too much paperwork. We deserve the long holidays! *Maggie*

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We're not the most popular people with the general public. At least, they always say they don't trust us much in opinion polls. Why do I do it? Because, naively, I suppose, I really do want to change the world. Representing constituents is very satisfying too.

Anthony

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I love working outside and I'm creating something beautiful. I'm self-employed as well, so I am my own boss. It's quite flexible in terms of other commitments - I mean looking after my kids. On the down side, it's hard physical work and it's seasonal. I mean, there's much less work in the winter. Also, I have no career development. But the quality of life compensates for that.

Matt

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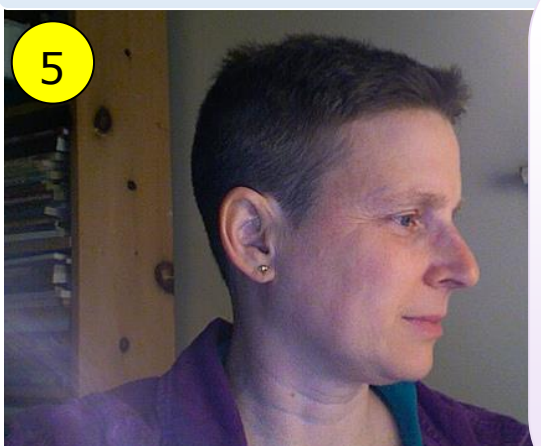


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Well, mine is a very overcrowded profession. That means I can have long periods without work. We call it 'resting' between jobs. I need to learn my lines and research my roles. It's not just all bright lights and audience applause. But when I'm recognised on the street - it's just fabulous!

Lucinda

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If you are still not sure which jobs the people do then try to match them to the jobs in the box below. Which words helped you decide?

a.) Gardener b.) Politician c.) Teacher d.) Carpenter e.) Actor

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Discuss the questions in the box below with your partner.

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Is it possible to be friends with your boss?

Would you prefer a terrible job with a high salary, or a badly-paid job that interests you?

What are considered high status and low status jobs in your country?

What is your ideal job?

What is your nightmare job?

If you could afford it, would you stop working?

Has there been any conflict between you and your family about your choice of career?

Is it a good idea to work for or with members of your family?

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'An Ethical Dilemma'

Read about the jobs in the box below. If you were desperate for money, which of these jobs would you consider doing? Which would be the most difficult for you to take and which would be the easiest?

Job 1 This job is working for an organisation that experiments on animals. Most of the experiments are for medical research, but some are for beauty products and involve, for example, testing eye-makeup, such as mascara, and shampoo on rabbits.

Job 2 This job is working in an administrative role for a company that exports arms internationally. The weapons are used in military conflicts around the globe, but primarily in Africa.

Job 3 This job is working within the advertising department of a tobacco company. The campaigns target the developing world and especially, young smokers in these countries.

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Write a description of the responsibilities, the training required, and the 'pros' and 'cons' of a job you have done, or one you know well.

I am still a student, so I will write about my mother's job. She has worked in a supermarket all her life...

