



Reading

Unusual Jobs in the UAE

Many jobs today are very different from conventional jobs. These jobs may not have existed 50 years ago and although they might seem easy, in reality these unusual jobs require special skills and qualities.

A Voice-over artist – If you wanted to be a voice-over artist, you would not need a degree. Being a confident and expressive speaker with clear pronunciation is the most essential criteria, as is experience. Most voice-over artists start off doing small one-off jobs for local businesses and radio, with some working part-time alongside a regular job. Openings for voice-over artists could be in different languages, and, as you get lots of experience and contacts in the industry, eventually you could do voice-overs for TV and movies, and maybe even move into working as a TV or radio presenter.

B Mystery shopper – If you became a mystery shopper, you would need to inspect the services provided by shops, for example checking if the sales staff are helpful and polite, and that they can answer any of your questions about the product options. You would also need to look at the surroundings to see if they meet the shop owner's or company's standards. Mystery shoppers should, understandably, like shopping, be good communicators and have an eye for detail. A good memory is also important as you need to remember your experience well enough to be able to write a detailed report for your client after the shop visit.

Read the text. Then read the descriptions below and match each person to a job.

Jamila loves going to the cinema and often learns the lines of the actors so she can say them at the same time when she watches films.

Yassine is very shy and likes to be part of the crowd. He's very observant and he notices every little thing when he goes to a shop or restaurant.

Grammar

Change the verb to the second conditional.

- 1 If I _____ (can) choose, I _____ (work) as a perfume tester.
- 2 You _____ (meet) some very important people if you _____ (get) a job as a personal shopper.
- 3 I don't think you _____ (earn) much money as a storyteller, but you _____ (make) children happy!
- 4 You _____ (can/not) tell people about your job if you _____ (be) a mystery shopper.
- 5 I _____ (have) fun if I _____ (do) voice-overs; plus I _____ (get) to watch films before everyone else.

Vocabulary

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| 1 options
a choices | b salaries | c places |
| 2 conventional
a well-paid | b unusual | c normal |
| 3 accessories
a handbags, scarves and hats | b make-up and perfume | c food and drink |
| 4 demanding
a offering a service | b asking many questions | c expecting high standards |
| 5 fashion-conscious
a you don't care about fashion | b you care about fashion | c you don't know about fashion |
| 6 criteria
a diplomas | b interviews | c requirements |
| 7 reliable
a intelligent | b artistic | c dependable |
| 8 one-off
a always | b sometimes | c a single time |
| 9 voluntary
a unpaid | b paid | c difficult |
| 10 rates
a payments | b gifts | c references |