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Making Comparisons

- 3 Which professions can you see in the photographs? What are some of the ways in which they differ? Choose the correct word to complete the paragraph.



The pictures show a taxi driver and a doctor. Doctors are highly paid and taxi drivers are not. Taxi drivers are outside all day whereas doctors work inside.

1) **Both/As** ... doctors and taxi drivers have interesting jobs 2) **but/in spite** their jobs differ in many respects. 3) **Although/Despite** ... no special skills are required for being a taxi driver, becoming a doctor requires years of training. Both jobs require working nights and weekends. 4) **However/Also** ... doctors have a safer job compared to taxi drivers who are often the victims of crime. Both jobs can be very stressful 5) **but/despite** ... a doctor's job is more rewarding 6) **as/on the other hand** they change people's lives for the better. 7) **In addition,/Nevertheless** ... doctors earn more money than taxi drivers.

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- 4 Look at pictures A and B. Use the phrases in the language box and the ideas below to compare the two professions.



Baker

- not dangerous job
- once mastered, no new skills to learn
- happy work environment
- work long hours every day
- poorly paid

Firefighter

- hazardous, risky job
- requires constant training
- witness people getting hurt
- shift work
- financial security

Contrasting ideas

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| • Both ... and ... | • Although + clause |
| • Compared to | • Despite + -ing form/noun |
| • In addition, | • On the other hand, |
| • Also, | • However, |

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2 Look at the photographs. Mark the sentences A (for advantages) and D (for disadvantages). ...

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| 1 make people very happy | A | D | ... |
| 2 often work on commission | A | D | ... |
| 3 get a chance to socialise | A | D | ... |
| 4 need a special licence | A | D | ... |
| 5 not be stuck behind a desk all day | A | D | ... |



A estate agent

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| 1 have many opportunities to travel | A | D | ... |
| 2 have to deal with people's problems | A | D | ... |
| 3 spend a lot of time away from home | A | D | ... |
| 4 meet people from all over the world | A | D | ... |
| 5 learn a lot about places and cultures | A | D | ... |



B tour guide



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3 Use phrases from below to complete the paragraph comparing the two jobs in the pictures. ...

- make people very happy
- often work on commission
- get a chance to socialise
- need a special licence
- not be stuck behind a desk all day
- have many opportunities to travel
- have to deal with people's problems
- spend a lot of time away from home
- meet people from all over the world
- learn a lot about places and cultures

Working as an estate agent and working as a tour guide are both quite exciting jobs. However, they both have advantages and disadvantages. When you work as an estate agent, you spend some time in an office, but most of the time you are out showing people properties. This means that you 1) As an estate agent, you meet lots of people so you 2) on a daily basis. Also, because you're selling homes, when a deal goes through you probably 3) **make people very happy** ! One possible disadvantage is that you 4) I'm not sure, but I think you have to study for a year or two to get it. In addition, estate agents 5) That's not always good because if you don't sell any houses, you don't get any money. There are quite a few good things about working as a tour guide. First, you 6) This means you broaden your horizons as you 7) and 8) / On the other hand, travelling means you 9) – this might not be convenient if you have a family. Moreover, when you are a tour guide, you are responsible for a lot of people. This means you will 10) if there are any.

