A Complete the sentences using the words in parentheses. Compare with a partner. (More than one answer is possible.)

1. In my opinion, being a firefighter is _____ (stressful) being a sales associate. In addition, sales associates have _____ (hours) firefighters.
2. In general, doctors need _____ (training) nutritionists. However, they usually _____ (earn) nutritionists.
3. Game testers don't need _____ (experience) software developers. As a result, they _____ (earn) software developers.
4. A career in banking is often _____ (demanding) a career in sales, but it is also _____ (paid).

LISTENING It's not what I thought. (T-12)

A Listen to Caden talk to Janelle about his job as a video game tester. Which parts of the job does he like and dislike? Check (✓) Like or Dislike. (CD 1:16)

		Like	Dislike
1.	The pay	☐	☐
2.	The hours	☐	☐
3.	Testing games	☐	☐
4.	Playing video games at home	☐	☐
5.	Thinking of new ideas for games	☐	☐

B Listen again. What does Caden decide to do? (CD 1:17)



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Gerund phrases

- A gerund phrase as a subject takes a singular verb: Taking care of children **is** a rewarding job. (NOT: Taking care of children ~~are~~ a rewarding job.)
- There are some common verb + preposition expressions (for example, *dream about, feel like, talk about, think about*) and adjective + preposition phrases (for example, *good/bad at, excited by/about, interested in, tired of, used to*) that are followed by a gerund: I'm **thinking about looking for** a new job. I'm **tired of working** long hours.

Complete the sentences with the correct gerund forms of the verbs in the box.

✓ become	have	make	stand	travel
change	learn	solve	take	work

1. My brother's very interested in _becoming_ a flight attendant. He dreams about _____ to new places.
2. I'm excited about _____ a Japanese class next semester. I enjoy _____ languages.
3. You wouldn't like _____ in a restaurant. You'd get tired of _____ on your feet throughout the long shifts!
4. Our teacher is very good at _____ problems. Maybe she should think about _____ careers to become a guidance counselor.
5. _____ a living as a photographer could be challenging. _____ an impressive portfolio is really important to attract new clients and employers.

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Comparisons

- When making general comparisons with count nouns, use *a/an* + singular noun or no article + plural noun: **A pilot** earns more than **a flight attendant**. **Pilots** earn more than **flight attendants**. (NOT: ~~The~~ pilots earn more than ~~the~~ flight attendants.)

Make comparisons with the information below. Add articles and other words when necessary.

1. architect / more education / hairstylist
   An architect needs more education than a hairstylist.
2. college professor / earn more / elementary school teacher
3. nurses / worse hours / psychiatrists
4. working as a police officer / as dangerous / being a firefighter
5. taxi driver / not as well paid / electrician
6. being a tour guide / less interesting / being an actor

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