

PHRASAL VERBS

The return of the Best Job

In 2009 Ben Southall applied for 'The Best Job in the World' and after a rigorous selection process, he **was taken on** as Island Caretaker on the Great Barrier Reef. The dream post was not just an opportunity to **pick up**

new surfing skills: it came with a pay packet of \$150,000 for six months' work, and accommodation in a five-million-dollar villa on Hamilton Island, off the coast of Queensland Australia.

Ben's 2009 contract expired long ago, but Tourism Queensland decided to **keep him on** as their official Ambassador. The new role that he **took up** still involves travelling and blogging about his adventures.



In 2013 as he **stepped down from** his Island Caretaker job and became an official Ambassador for Tourism Queensland, he said this: 'Unfortunately for me, my time is up. But luckily for the world "The Best Job in the World" is back. It was one of the most successful tourism campaigns in recent times, so they decided to do it again but this time they're recruiting for several vacancies around Australia!'

The successful applicant for each job was paid a six-month package of up to \$100,000, including living expenses. More than 330,000 people from 196 countries expressed interest in the dream jobs, and Tourism Australia had to deal with more than 40,000 video applications. A final shortlist of eighteen candidates **was drawn up** and they were flown in to Australia for interview.

The aim of the promo was to push Australia's lucrative holiday industry and target the international youth market from around the world - they wanted to attract people on holiday but also employ people who wanted to work, helping to fill many vacant posts in the tourism industry. Here are four of the jobs and the lucky people who were hired to do them:

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He's responsible for Melbourne's unique lifestyle.

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- 1- WAS PREPARED
- 2- WAS EMPLOYED
- 3- WITHDREW FROM HIS POSITION
- 4- BECAME INTERESTED IN
- 5- GET/TAKE
- 6- CONTINUED EMPLOYED