

Career Exploration

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a. Do you recognize these jobs? **WRITE** the names in the boxes

police officer



b. **WHICH** of these jobs... (there can be more than one for each)

- can be dangerous? ☐
- are not well paid? ☐
- need a lot of practice? ☐
- can make you famous? ☐
- takes many years of study? ☐
- involve work at weekends? ☐
- imply traveling a lot? ☐

c. What factors make a good job?

1 RANK these qualities from the most to the least important for you (1-8)

2 ADD two more things that are important to you.

- pays a good salary ☐
- includes challenging tasks ☐
- doesn't require long hours ☐
- isn't very stressful ☐
- lets me wear casual clothes ☐
- has advancement opportunities ☐
- is close to my home and school ☐
- allows me to travel often ☐
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The best jobs

If you want to be healthy, one thing you need to do is choose a job that you love. After all, people spend a lot of their time working. But who are the happiest workers? Over 2,000 workers were interviewed, and here are the results.

If you work with plants, you will be happy – 87% of people who work in gardens or with flowers love their careers. Florists – people who sell flowers – are at the top. Florists don't earn a lot of money, but they see beautiful things every day and meet a lot of people. Also, they can quickly see if they are successful. It's easy. If they have healthy flowers around them and happy

customers, then they will know they have done a good job.

This might be the most important thing of all, and might explain why 79% of hairdressers also feel happy with their lives. They know if they've done a good job or not as soon as they have finished cutting someone's hair. However, only 62% of nurses, and 59% of teachers say that they are happy. Although they work hard to make other people better, the results of this work are not seen so quickly. Or, they may never be seen.

Another important thing is who you work for. Many florists or hairdressers are self-employed – meaning that they have their own company. Because of this,

they don't have to worry about making their boss happy, or being promoted. Research shows that over 90% of self-employed people are happy because they are able to control their own day, but only 54% of people who work for someone else are happy.

Money doesn't always make you happy, of course. Research shows that people with a pay of more than £60,000 a year are the unhappiest. Near the bottom of the list are IT workers. Despite their large salaries, only 48% love their jobs. Then, we have bankers – only 44% enjoy what they do. It seems that choosing a job because of what you might earn isn't always a good idea.



IT comes from Information Technology (computers)

d. WRITE the number next to the correct job:

teacher

hairdresser

IT worker

banker

florist

nurse

e. Now, READ the article and MATCH the percentages to the information

1 happy teachers

59%

2 happy hairdressers

3 happy bankers

4 happy florists

5 happy IT workers

6 happy nurses

7 self-employed people

8 people who work for somebody else

44% 48%

54% 59%

62% 79%

87% 90%

f. MARK these sentences **T**(true) or **F**(false)

- 1 Florists are happy, but it's not a job for people who want to be rich.
- 2 People are happier when they can see if they have been successful or not.
- 3 Nurses and teachers always know if they have done a good job.
- 4 People who work for a company are happier than self-employed workers.
- 5 The unhappiest people are IT workers.

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g. LISTEN to the audio. What is John's job?

He is a

h. LISTEN again **COMPLETE** the paragraph with information from the audio.

John has a small , he works hard, but he it. The best part of his job is helping to choose the right flowers. People usually use to say different things. Some people want to say , some people want to say , and a lot of people want to say . He loves helping people to get the right .

i. DRAG each adjective to its definition:

♦ BRAVE ♦ CREATIVE ♦ CARING ♦ FIT ♦ ORGANIZED ♦
♦ STRONG ♦ POLITE ♦ ENTHUSIASTIC ♦

A person who is...

- 1 _____ is original, artistic and imaginative.
- 2 _____ is not afraid of dangerous situations.
- 3 _____ is helpful and considerate to other people.
- 4 _____ is muscular and can do hard physical work.
- 5 _____ is respectful and with good manners.
- 6 _____ is efficient, and good at making plans.
- 7 _____ is healthy and in good physical condition.
- 8 _____ is interested in and excited about things.

