

Unusual jobs

1 Complete the sentences with a word from box A and a word/phrase from box B.

A be gain get (x2) practical professional training (x2) virtual

B a specialist an opportunity course experience feedback skills training work-experience workshop

- My cousin worked at a bank during her university holidays, so she could *gain work experience* in the industry.
- How often do you _____ from your boss about how well you work?
- My dad's company send him away to do a two-week _____ every six months.
- At school, we sometimes _____ to meet people who work in different jobs and ask them questions about their work.
- Regular training is important in order to improve employees' _____.
- Don't forget we have to take part in a _____ next Tuesday on improving sales techniques.
- You don't need to come to the centre, as we provide _____ online.
- Students spend six weeks working in an engineering company to give them _____.
- Ava is a qualified doctor, but she's training to _____ in neurology.

2 Read the article quickly and choose the best title.

- a Working in sport c The robots are coming!
b Emerging careers

3 Read the article again and answer the questions.

- What will an e-sports coach help their team to do?

- What two things will you need as an e-sports coach?

- What will companies use drones for?

- What job does the article compare a drone manager to?

- Who will a talker work with?

- What technology will a talker use?

In the coming years, it is expected that a lot of the jobs we do will be replaced by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and robots. This means that more people are going to be looking for new jobs and new ways of working, and will need to develop professional skills in new areas. Here, we take a look at three of the new jobs that some people will want to do.



1 E-sports coach

E-sports, or electronic sports, are becoming more and more popular as people play video games competitively in tournaments. Like traditional sports teams, e-sports teams need training. As an e-sports coach, employed by a team, you will help your trainees win tournaments. This will involve recording games, then watching them back and analysing the team's skills and weaknesses so they can improve. You won't need any formal qualifications, but you'll need understanding and skill in the particular game you're working with.



2 Drone manager

The use of drones is going to increase in the near future. This won't be just for recreation, but also as more companies begin to use them for deliveries. This means the skies are going to get busy, and all these drones in the sky will need careful management. As a drone manager, you'll do similar work to an air traffic controller at an airport, but for drones. You'll need to be a specialist not just in flying a drone, but also in communication between organisations and customers.



3 Talker

The world's population is getting older, and some elderly people may feel lonely. At the same time, younger people will have to look for new types of work. The job of talker aims to solve both of these problems. As a talker, you'll be connected to a platform and will have flexible working hours. You'll just sign on and off when you can. Your job will be to have conversations with people who are lonely, using a special app and headphones. The most important skill you'll need is to be able to listen to people.