

2.5 Reading

Hotel inspector

I had to work in a hotel for five years before I became a hotel inspector. My job is to stay in hotels all around the country and check everything. The rooms must be clean and **comfortable**. What about the bathrooms? Is the food good? Are the **staff** polite? I have to give things a score out of five and write a long report about each hotel. It isn't a well-paid job, but I enjoy seeing different places.



Zookeeper

Do you want to be a zookeeper? Then you must love animals and you mustn't be afraid of them. My job is to look after the meerkats. It's very challenging! I have to prepare their food, keep them clean, make sure they're healthy and write a **report** every day. Last week, three meerkats were sick and I had to look after them. I couldn't go home for three days! My job isn't easy, but I love it.



Pilot

I have a well-paid and exciting job. You need special training to become a pilot, and I still do training every six months and pass tests. I also have a **check-up** every year. If I don't pass it, I can't fly a plane! Last week my **co-pilot** and I flew to Australia – it took 20 hours! We were tired, but we had a great time in Sydney.



- 1 Read the magazine article and choose the best title. Circle the correct answer.

a My job is easy! b Which job would you like?
c Boring jobs

- 2 Look at the **highlighted** words in the text. Match them to definitions 1–5.

1 making you relaxed **comfortable**
2 a medical examination _____
3 a description of a situation _____
4 the people who work in the same place _____
5 someone who flies a plane with the main pilot _____

- 3 Read the texts again and answer the questions. Write HI (hotel inspector), Z (zookeeper) or P (pilot). Some questions have more than one answer.

Who ...

1 travels a lot in their job?	_____ HI _____ P
2 says they don't make a lot of money?	_____
3 has to see the doctor once a year?	_____
4 makes a lot of money from their job?	_____
5 says things have to be clean?	_____
6 has to write a lot in their job?	_____
7 sometimes has to work long hours?	_____

- 4 Read the texts again. In your notebook, answer the questions.

1 How many years did the hotel inspector work in a hotel? *five years*
2 What does the hotel inspector like about the job?
3 Is the hotel inspector well-paid?
4 How often does the zookeeper have to write a report?
5 Is it easy to look after the meerkats?
6 How often do pilots do training?
7 What happens if a pilot doesn't pass his or her medical tests?

- 5 In your notebook, write 3–5 sentences about one of these jobs. Use the words in the box and your own ideas.

badly-paid boring challenging
dangerous doesn't have to exciting
has to special training uniform well-paid

* vet * factory worker
* hairdresser * actor

A vet works with animals. It is a challenging and well-paid job. A vet sometimes has to work at nights and weekends.