

3 READING

a Read the article and complete it with the missing headings.

- A Visit different places
- B You are paid to read
- C No two days are ever the same
- D You can see your name in print
- E You're always finding out new things
- F You can be an opinion-maker
- G You meet all kinds of people
- H Every minute counts

b Find the words or phrases in the text to match definitions 1–9.

- 1 deal with something (introduction) _____
- 2 about twelve (paragraph 1) _____
- 3 more intelligent (paragraph 2) _____
- 4 sometimes (paragraph 3) _____
- 5 an increase in your salary (paragraph 4) _____
- 6 remain in control of (paragraph 5) _____
- 7 a time or date before which something must be finished (paragraph 6) _____
- 8 repeated exactly as it was written (paragraph 7) _____
- 9 a strong need or desire (paragraph 8) _____

Journalism: *the best job ever*

Not everyone can handle a career in journalism – it can be stressful and the hours are long – but it's a fantastic, and popular, career choice. Here are eight reasons why.

1 _____

The first thing you do in your working day is sit down and find out what's been happening in the world since you went to sleep the night before. Reading a dozen or so news outlets and blogs with your morning coffee is a better way to start the day than sitting in traffic in the rush hour!

2 _____

When you start writing a new story, you know nothing, or very little, about it. But by the time you hand your finished article to the editor, you're an expert in that story. You're constantly learning and getting smarter when you're a journalist.

3 _____

On a single day, you could be at your desk researching some new story. Or you might cover a press event with a photographer, or interview a contact for a developing story. From time to time you might even be asked to review a restaurant or cultural event. You never know what the day is going to bring.

4 _____

One of the highlights of the job is interviewing really interesting people you wouldn't normally have the chance to talk to: from 'ordinary' people who have done something extraordinary, to sportspeople, artists, and musicians. And you don't have to worry about what you say to everyone you meet, either – if you ask a politician a question they don't like, you could get a pay rise.



5 _____

It's a big, fast world, and it's important to be where the news is happening, particularly with events that have a global significance like conflicts or protests. Not all journalists travel a lot, but many do. Situations change quickly these days and it's important to stay on top of the story.

6 _____

A newsroom is a fast-paced environment and a journalist works to a tight deadline, so there's always a certain adrenaline rush. If you are the type of person who works best under pressure, it's the best job ever.

7 _____

It's a great feeling to have your name in a published article, or to have something you've written quoted in another article. And when someone tells you that they've read your article and they like what you've written, that's even better.

8 _____

If you have an urge to write and you are curious about the world around you, a career in journalism is the obvious choice. The best journalists are the ones who really try to understand every aspect of a story, and then explain that story well. A good, well-written article can influence the way people think.