

Reading part

A really determined person will always succeed

- 1 The majority of people think that their dream job is too hard to achieve, too competitive and believe that it is all a matter of luck. All this is true actually, but why should that stop anyone from trying to get the job they really want? A really determined person will always succeed and, in many ways, needs other people to give up trying so that he or she can succeed.
- 2 Many job seekers feel limited by the choices they made at college or university. They may think that because they studied marketing, all they can ever do is work in marketing. All the evidence shows that, in fact, employers are less interested in acquired knowledge than the ability to think and learn. It is also very difficult to predict the needs of society. For example, if a person chose to study dentistry because there was a lack of dentists when they were in high school, that may not be the case when they graduate. The needs of employers and the economy can change very quickly, and often unexpectedly. Research from the Higher Education Careers Services Unit found that in 2006–2007, twice as many psychology graduates as civil engineers were out of work. Four years later, after the crash of the construction industry in the UK, more civil engineering graduates than psychologists were unemployed.
- 3 Of course, if it is a very tough time economically, it is hard to find employment straight after university, but it is by no means impossible. It might take several months longer to find a job after graduating, but there is work out there. My chosen career has always been competitive, but I never thought about the other people going for the same jobs. It may be human nature to compare your progress to your peers, but perhaps the best advice would be to try not to. Be focused on what you want and how you are going to get it. After all, it may appear that a friend who has a really well-paid job is doing well, but how do you know what their job is actually like? They may be working 12-hour days, have an unreasonable boss, or be stressed out trying to meet unrealistic targets.
- 4 Have a plan in place, even if it is a sketchy one. Have both short-term and long-term aims. In my final year at university, my short-term aims were to gain experience at a local newspaper. My long-term aim was always to get a job at a national paper. It sounds easy for me to say it now, but I always thought that with really hard work, dedication, a willingness to put myself out and a bit of luck, I could get my dream job. It is also essential to be completely dedicated to the business you want to get into. Know as much as possible about it, then you can feel part of it and understand how it works.
- 5 A really key piece of advice is never get downhearted by rejection, because there will probably be a lot. You can achieve your dream job, whatever it is. You must never give up. Be prepared to work hard and for long hours without necessarily climbing up the career ladder. There is a lot to be said for learning your 'trade' from the bottom up. At the start, there will probably be little money, but it will be worth it in the end. The best jobs are not supposed to be easy – that is what makes them challenging. And if you like a challenge, just keep your head down and go for it.



Choose the best summary of each paragraph.

Paragraph 1

- A** Luck plays an important part in finding your dream job.
- B** You need the right sort of personality to find your dream job.
- C** Doing your dream job never feels like hard work.

Paragraph 2

- A** Science graduates stand a better chance of finding their dream job than other graduates.
- B** It has become increasingly difficult to find a dream job over the last decade.
- C** What you studied at university shouldn't determine what kind of job you look for.

Write two sentences to summarise the two main ideas in the fourth paragraph.

The fifth paragraph summarises the key ideas from the whole text. Make notes of the key ideas.

Paragraph 3

- A** Avoid comparing yourself to your contemporaries.
- B** It's advisable to choose a job with good financial rewards.
- C** Make sure you meet your future boss before you accept a job.