

READING 2: THE WORLD OF WORK

PREVIEW THE READING

You are going to read interviews in a magazine about different careers.

These are some words from Reading Two. Read their definitions. Then, complete each sentence.

 Company	<i>(noun)</i>	a group of people who work together to make or sell things
 Customer	<i>(noun)</i>	a person who buys things or services
 Event	<i>(noun)</i>	something important or unusual that happens
 Flexible	<i>(adjective)</i>	able to change easily
 Product	<i>(noun)</i>	something people make to sell
 Regular	<i>(adjective)</i>	happening again and again in the same way
 Result	<i>(noun)</i>	something that happens because of something else

1. Her success is the _____ of many years of hard work.
2. My hours are _____. I always work from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.
3. This job is different everyday. That's why we need _____ people.
4. I work for a small _____. There are four people in our office.
5. The new _____ is great. Everyone is buying it!
6. The most important _____ of the year is the company's awards ceremony.
7. The _____ asked the sales assistant many questions.

PREVIEW THE TEXTS



TIP: You do not need to understand every word in a reading text. To build your vocabulary, choose the four or five new words you think are the most important and add them to your flashcard list of new words to learn.

Preview the interviews. Look at the questions. What information did the people give about their work? Check the answers you see below.

- The pay
- What they do every day at work
- The name of the job
- What they do at home
- Where they work
- What they like about their work

READING 2

Read the following text below. You can listen to it as well by clicking on the blue speaker button.

The World of Work

There are many different kinds of work. People enjoy their work for many different reasons. We talked to 4 people about their work. Read about their careers.



What do you do? I'm a physical therapist. I work in a hospital.

What are your responsibilities? I help my patients get healthy and stay healthy. I learn about a patient's health problem. I make a plan for the patient. I teach the patient how to exercise and move.

Why do you like your job? I know my work is important. My patients are nice. I work from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. I like the regular hours.



What do you do? I'm an event planner. I work in an office, but I travel a lot.

What are your responsibilities? I plan big events for businesses. I plan the location, the transportation, the food and the activities for the event. I work with many different people in restaurants, hotels and transportation. I need to be very organized and remember a lot of details.

Why do you like your job? My work is fun and exciting. I like to meet new people. I like to travel. Also, I see the results of my work with every event. That makes me happy.



What do you do? I am a sales assistant in a computer store.

What are your responsibilities? I need to know all about computers. I help customers make decisions about what to buy. I explain our products.

Why do you like your job? My job is interesting. I like to learn about new products. There is always something new. I work evenings, so I have time at home in the morning with my baby daughter. And the job pays me well.



What do you do? I'm a web designer. I make websites for companies. I am self-employed. I work in my home office.

What are your responsibilities? A company asks me to plan a website. I learn about the company and what it needs. I write a plan. I talked to the company again. If they like the plan, I make the website.

Why do you like your job? I like to be creative. I like my quiet home office. Also I have flexible hours. I work when I want. I can say no to a job, too.

Reading Comprehension

A. Choose the answer that best completes the statement.

This article helps the reader ...

- a. find a company
- b. learn about careers
- c. write about their careers

B. Who is speaking? Write the job title from the interviews next to each statement.



1. _____ I talk about the different products in our store.



2. _____ I work at home.



3. _____ I help people with health problems.



4. _____ I travel a lot.



5. _____ I help people move and exercise.



6. _____ I need to learn about new products.



7. _____ I have a flexible schedule.



8. _____ I work with patients and doctors in a hospital.

C. Complete the chart with information about each career.

Job Title	Workplace	Work Skills	Work Schedules
Event Planner			
Physical Therapist			
Sales Assistant			
Web Designer			

D. Drag and drop the adjectives in red to the sentences.

creative

exciting

important

interesting

quiet

1. The event planner says her work is _____.
2. The physical therapist says his work is _____.
3. The sales assistant says her work is _____.
4. The web designer says his work is _____ and _____.

E. Now that you have information about these jobs, write (at least) one good thing about each job as well as (at least) one bad thing. Make full sentences using the frame given:

A/An _____ has a _____ job because _____, but _____.

For Example - Chef: *A chef has a rewarding job because they can see how much people love their food, but it is a lot of work and you have to stand on your feet all day.*

***TIP:** When we don't know if the person is a man or a woman, we use the **third person plural** (they, them, their, theirs, themselves). Sometimes, people write "he/she" or "him/her" or "his/her", but that can make a text sound weird to read.

1. Event Planner:

2. Physical Therapist:

3. Sales Assistant:

4. Web Designer: