

## HW A: Dictation Exercise

**Directions:** Listen to the audio as many times as you need to, and then fill in the blanks.

What did you \_\_\_\_\_ to be when you were a \_\_\_\_\_? A teacher? A doctor? A  
\_\_\_\_\_. Well, maybe this isn't a \_\_\_\_\_ we should be  
\_\_\_\_\_ children \_\_\_\_\_. So says Simone Stolzoff, \_\_\_\_\_ of  
The Good \_\_\_\_\_ Job: \_\_\_\_\_ Life from Work. He says when we ask  
\_\_\_\_\_ what they want to be, we make it \_\_\_\_\_ like having our "\_\_\_\_\_  
job" is the most important \_\_\_\_\_ in life. In his 20s, Stolzoff \_\_\_\_\_ in  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ before getting \_\_\_\_\_ a job as  
a \_\_\_\_\_. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to find the job that would \_\_\_\_\_ who he was  
as a person. "I really didn't feel like I was \_\_\_\_\_ between two jobs," Stolzoff \_\_\_\_\_  
CNN. "I was choosing between two \_\_\_\_\_ of me."

But Stolzoff says \_\_\_\_\_ aren't really designed to give our lives \_\_\_\_\_. And he  
says that, \_\_\_\_\_ in the US, there's a \_\_\_\_\_ to always be the \_\_\_\_\_ at  
what you do — and this can even become part of \_\_\_\_\_, as people

\_\_\_\_\_ to, say, run harder \_\_\_\_\_ or read more books in a year.  
Stolzoff took the designer job, but he \_\_\_\_\_ it in 2022 to finish \_\_\_\_\_ his book —  
and find his \_\_\_\_\_ outside of work.

It's \_\_\_\_\_, he says, not to look for the " \_\_\_\_\_ " job, but to \_\_\_\_\_  
what \_\_\_\_\_ is "good enough" to \_\_\_\_\_ the type of life you want —  
\_\_\_\_\_ that means a \_\_\_\_\_ salary, \_\_\_\_\_, schedule or  
\_\_\_\_\_. And when you decide that, you won't keep \_\_\_\_\_ if there's something better  
out there for you. "Now, I'm an author and a \_\_\_\_\_," he told Forbes. "But  
\_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ my work as part of — not the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of — who I am." He now \_\_\_\_\_ to stop working and do  
things like \_\_\_\_\_ with a friend — and \_\_\_\_\_ people  
\_\_\_\_\_ outside of work for \_\_\_\_\_, friends and  
\_\_\_\_\_.