

Reading Comprehension

Trying to choose which field of study to go into can be difficult. **a** You should always do a lot of research before you decide on a profession. Fortunately, there is a lot of information available. There are lots of brochures with details about different educational programs. You can also find a lot of information on the internet, which is especially useful if you've been thinking of applying for schools in another country. **b** Before you pick your career path, spend some time carefully considering what you want to do professionally. Depending on the job you choose, you may be spending a lot of time and money getting the right qualifications. If, for example, you want to become a lawyer, you'll need at least seven years of education after high school. **c** In addition to making sure you have an accurate idea about the education involved, you should also talk to a few people who work in that profession. Many are happy to give a moment of their time to an interested student. Talking to them, you will definitely get a better understanding of the job. For instance, you might be surprised to find out that many lawyers aren't satisfied with their jobs. Many complain that they don't have any free time and that the work is very tiring. Even if that is disappointing to hear, it's still good to know. This isn't something you want to find out after you have been going to university for many years. **d** If you don't know anyone working in that particular profession, you could try asking a professional from another field for help, or you could do some research on your own.

Circle **true** or **false**.

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| 1. Brochures aren't useful for researching what to study. | true | false |
| 2. There is no information on the internet about studies abroad. | true | false |
| 3. Studying to be a lawyer costs a lot of money and takes a lot of time. | true | false |
| 4. You have to attend law school for seven or more years to become lawyers. | true | false |
| 5. Many lawyers find their job disappointing. | true | false |
| 6. When researching a job, you can find out some unexpected details. | true | false |

Circle the correct answers.

1. What is the main message of the passage?

- a. You should always choose a satisfying occupation.
- b. A lot of lawyers complain about their jobs.
- c. You should look into the jobs you're considering.
- d. Researching helps you find out your interests.

2. How do brochures about education help you?

- a. You can use them to apply for school.
- b. You can look at schools abroad.
- c. You can learn different skills.
- d. You can learn about schools' programs.

3. What should you consider when you're choosing a job?

- a. what qualifications you need to do the job
- b. how long you will have to go to school for
- c. what the occupation is like
- d. all of the above

4. How can you learn more about different professions?

- a. You can interview a lawyer.
- b. You can do some research.
- c. You can ask an interested student.
- d. All of the above.

5. Why do many lawyers dislike their jobs?

- a. They don't get much time to relax.
- b. Their jobs don't make a difference.
- c. Their work is boring.
- d. Their salaries are too low.

6. Where is the best place to insert the following sentence in the passage:

"A lot of information is offered online by colleges and universities."

- a. b. c. d.