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Reading

The worst jobs in the world?

I can understand a text about difficult jobs.

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1 Complete the collocations in the sentences. Use the words below.

an advertisement an application the day a degree
a job a job the job a team

1 My brother has left school and is looking for _____. He'd like to work in a hotel.
2 I noticed _____ for an interesting job in the newspaper.
3 I sent in _____ for a holiday job at a fast-food restaurant.
4 They offered my mum _____ in a department store, but she decided not to take it.
5 My sister joined _____ of programmers who work on video games.
6 My brother has _____ in engineering from Cambridge University.
7 During the summer holidays I worked at a theme park and had _____ of selling ice cream.
8 Joe took _____ off work so that he could visit his mum, who is ill.

Reading Strategy

When you complete gap-fill sentences about a text, the words you need to write are in the text. However, the words immediately before or after the gap may be different. Think carefully about the meaning and look for synonyms and paraphrases.

3 Read the Reading Strategy. Then complete the sentences with information from the text.

1 Jeff Haslam's job is to keep the _____ clear in London. [1 word]
2 Jeff has a _____ on his helmet because he works in the dark. (1 word)
3 Charlie Radley spends a week at a time on his _____ _____. (2 words)
4 Charlie wants to get a different _____ in the next year or two. (1 word)
5 Sandy Smith first found out about her job on _____ _____. (2 words)
6 Lumberjacks have to work _____ _____ but do not earn a lot of money. (2 words)

2 Look quickly at texts A–C. Match each text with the correct photo (1–3).

WOULD YOU WANT TO DO THIS?







A Jeff Haslam spends a lot of his time underground. He works in London's sewers – the tunnels under the roads that carry away waste water … and other, much dirtier things! His job is to keep the sewers clear. 'We work in teams of six,' says Jeff. 'It's very dirty work. And of course we work in the dark.' He has to wear special clothes, a mask and a helmet with a light. 'The most difficult thing is clearing the fat and oil from the sewers under the Chinese and Indian restaurants,' he says. 'Last month we removed 1,000 tonnes of fat!'

B Many people like to work outdoors, but few would like Charlie Radley's job. Charlie lives in Alaska and works on a fishing boat. Each fishing trip lasts about a week. 'It's extremely cold and often stormy,' says Charlie, 'so we wear warm, waterproof clothes.' Charlie can earn a lot of money if they catch a lot of fish, but if they don't, he earns very little. 'I'll do this job for a year or two more,' says Charlie, 'then I'm going to look for another job – something warmer and drier!'

C Sandy Smith is a lumberjack – somebody who cuts down trees. Sandy noticed an advertisement for lumberjacks on the internet. Lumberjacks work long hours and are not very well paid, but as Sandy likes to work outdoors, she decided to apply for the job. 'It's a very dangerous job,' says Sandy. 'We work with big, dangerous machines, and we're always a long way from the nearest hospital – so I'm always very careful!'

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