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READING

1 Read the article. Match the information (1–8) with the numbers (a–h).

The best jobs

If you want to be healthy, one thing you need to do is choose a job that you love. After all, people spend a lot of their time working. But who are the happiest workers? Over 2,000 workers were interviewed, and here are the results.

If you work with plants, you will be happy – 87% of people who work in gardens or with flowers love their careers. Florists – people who sell flowers – are at the top. Florists don't earn a lot of money, but they see beautiful things every day and meet a lot of people. Also, they can quickly see if they are successful.

It's easy. If they have healthy flowers around them and happy customers, then they will know they have done a good job. This might be the most important thing of all, and might explain why 79% of hairdressers also feel happy with their lives. They know if they've done a good job or not as soon as they have finished cutting someone's hair. However, only 62% of nurses, and 59% of teachers say that they are happy. Although they work hard to make other people better, the results of this work are not seen so quickly. Or, they may never be seen.

Another important thing is who you work for. Many florists or hairdressers are self-employed – meaning that they have their own company. Because of this, they don't have to worry about making their boss happy, or being promoted. Research shows that over 90% of self-employed people are happy because they are able to control their own day, but only 54% of people who work for someone else are happy.

Money doesn't always make you happy, of course. Research shows that people with a pay of more than £60,000 a year are the unhappiest. Near the bottom of the list are IT workers. Despite their large salaries, only 48% love their jobs. Then, we have bankers – only 44% enjoy what they do. It seems that choosing a job because of what you might earn isn't always a good idea.

1 happy teachers ☐
2 happy hairdressers ☐
3 happy bankers ☐
4 happy florists ☐
5 happy IT workers ☐
6 the number of people who were questioned ☐
7 happy nurses ☐
8 people who work for someone else and are happy ☐

a 44%
b 48%
c 54%
d 59%
e 62%
f 79%
g 87%
h 2,000

☐ 8

2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false), or DS (the article doesn't say).

0 People were asked some questions about their jobs. T
1 Florists are happy, but it's not a job for people who want to be rich. ☐
2 People are happier when they can see if they have been successful or not. ☐
3 Nurses and teachers always know if they have done a good job. ☐
4 People who have their own company usually work long hours. ☐
5 People who work for someone else are happier than self-employed workers. ☐
6 People who have low pay are often happy. ☐
7 The unhappiest people are IT workers. ☐

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LISTENING

3 **Listen and tick [✓] the things that the presenter talks about.**

1 A man who had a difficult time. ✓
2 A family which had to leave a country. ☐
3 The reasons why a war started. ☐
4 The man's job in his home country. ☐
5 His family's career. ☐
6 Why he had to leave his country. ☐
7 A bad experience in a new country. ☐
8 Why being a journalist is a difficult job. ☐
9 A positive experience in a new country. ☐
10 Finding a new job. ☐
11 The problems of living in a new country. ☐
12 Why he doesn't want to go back to his country. ☐

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4 **Listen again and complete the notes with words in the list. There are three extra words.**

electricity food football journalist police officer
school son Spain superstar ~~Syria~~ video match

0 Osama Abdul Mohsen was originally from a town in *Syria*.
1 He had a good career as a_____coach.
2 His town was destroyed, however, and he had no_____or water.
3 He travelled with his_____to Greece, and then Hungary.
4 He was kicked by a_____.
5 Millions of people saw a_____of this.
6 He was invited to work in a football academy in_____.
7 He met a footballing_____.
8 His son walked into the stadium before an important_____.

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