

50 candidates for 'best job in the world'



1. Listen to the article and decide whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- a. The "best job in the world" is to look after a desert island.
- b. One of the duties of this job is to catch and cook fish.
- c. There are 15,000 species of fish living on the Great Barrier Reef.
- d. More than 35,000 people applied for this wonderful job.
- e. Website visitors will choose a shortlist of 10 candidates.
- f. Website visitors can look at the video applications of the candidates.
- g. All of the applicants for the best job in the world are Australian.
- h. Tourist officials want someone who is motivated and professional.

2. **SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article:

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| 1. position | a. guard |
| 2. look after | b. reduce |
| 3. promote | c. job |
| 4. mail | d. choose |
| 5. applied | e. advertise |
| 6. process | f. match |
| 7. select | g. post |
| 8. current | h. method |
| 9. narrow down | i. went for |
| 10. fit | j. present |

3. **READING:** Now read the text and check your answers.

best
job
ever.

The world will soon know who will get the "best job in the world". The position is for a caretaker to live on and look after a tropical island off the coast of Queensland, Australia. Duties include relaxing on the island, which is part of the Great Barrier Reef, and writing a blog to promote the area. Other responsibilities are to feed the fish, clean the pool and collect the mail. The job website, islandreefjob.com, tells applicants: "There are over 1,500 species of fish living in the Great Barrier Reef. Don't worry. You won't need to feed them

all." The successful applicant will get a salary of nearly US\$100,000 for the six months. Officials from Queensland's tourism department announced on Tuesday that they were now looking at 50 candidates. Unsurprisingly, over 35,000 people applied for the job.



The next stage in the selection process is to get the list of candidates down to 11. The tourism board will select ten people. Visitors to the website will choose an eleventh person. The public can look at the video applications of all 50 hopeful caretakers. The eleven lucky finalists will then fly to Hamilton Island for a formal interview. The winner will be announced on May 6, and the job starts on July 1. The current shortlist of 50 includes people from 22 countries. They include dancers, chefs, scientists and students and they all want a slice of paradise. Queensland Tourism Minister Desley Boyle said there was much discussion to narrow down the list to 50. He told reporters, "it boiled down to...the motivation and professionalism of the applicants and their 'fit' with the job and Tourism Queensland".

4. Write the corresponding number between brackets and the number in letters next to each word or phrase according to the text:

() _____ **fish species**

() _____ **applicants**

() _____ **countries**

() _____ **salary**

() _____ **caretakers**

() _____ **finalists**