The Most Extraordinary Jobs

1. Read the texts and complete them with the words in the box.

full-time – deadly – faulty – powerful – potential – poisonous – crucial – brave

1. Snake Milker

Snake **venom** is [1]_____ stuff. It can be turned into drugs to treat all kinds of conditions, including a [2]_____ snake bite.

But some [3]_____ soul needs to collect that venom by hand. They gently expose the snake's **fang** and squeeze out the [3]_____ juices.

"The only difference between me and any other company in the world that produces something is that the means of production here can kill you...and wants to," Alabama snake milker Ken Darnell says.

2. Laughter therapist

They say it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile. If that's true then a career as a laughter therapist should be an easy ride. In this job a laughter therapist must do their best to make people laugh their way to a better life. Perfect for any [4]_____ clowns out there!

2. Paint Watcher

You may have heard some people say they'd **"rather watch paint dry"** than do something they don't want to do. Well, if they really mean it the opportunity is there – studying the drying time and effects of paint as a [5]_____ job for a paint manufacturer.

3. Dice inspector

In the **gambling** world, millions can be lost at the roll of a [7]_____ die. With that in mind, the job of a dice inspector is a [8]_____ one, making sure each die is in proportion, with all the right **angles** and **blemish** free.

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Look at the pictures. What do you think these people do? Tell your partner

4. Now, listen to your partner talking about your pictures. Explain what people do in those extreme jobs.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which job did you find the most extraordinary/usual/exciting/boring/useful?
2. What other extraordinary jobs have you heard of?
3. What kind of person would do things like that for a living?
4. What qualities are required for each of these jobs?
5. Which of these jobs would you be able to do? Why?
6. Which of them you would never agree to even if offered lots of money? Why?

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