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READING

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1 **Read the article. Find the percentage of each workers who are happy.**

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.

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1	people who work for someone else	_____	5	bankers	_____
2	florists	_____	6	teachers	_____
3	IT workers	_____	7	self-employed workers	_____

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2 **Read the article again. Match the beginnings to the correct endings. Each beginning can match 1, 2 or 3 endings.**

1	If you work as a florist …	A	you will probably be self-employed.
2	If you work as a teacher …	B	you won't have to worry about getting to a higher position at work.
3	If you are self-employed …	C	you will know immediately whether or not you have done a good job.
4	If you earn a lot of money …	D	you will be able to control your working day.
		E	you probably won't earn a lot of money.
		F	you will probably be one of the least happy workers.
		G	you won't have to worry about what your boss thinks.
		H	you won't immediately see the results of your work.

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