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Reading

Dream jobs

I can understand a text about people's ideal jobs.



1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photos. What do you think these people's jobs are? Compare ideas in pairs.

2 Look quickly at texts A–C opposite. Match each text with a photo from exercise 1 (1–3) and one of the titles below. There are two extra titles.

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| a Duvet tester | Photo ☐ Text ☐ |
| b Lego sculptor | Photo ☐ Text ☐ |
| c Costume designer | Photo ☐ Text ☐ |
| d Film tagger | Photo ☐ Text ☐ |
| e Special effects designer | Photo ☐ Text ☐ |

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 look at the sentences in exercise 4 below. Find a synonym or paraphrase in the text for each underlined phrase in the sentences.

4 Complete the sentences with information from the text. Use your answers to exercise 3 to help you.

- The Lego company was very keen on the that Andrew Johnson sent with his job application. [1 word]
- Andrew is happy to earn money for something that used to be a . [1 word]
- Jo Unsworth has a job at a famous British . [2 words]
- Jo's university qualification helps her to identify when she sees it. [2 words]
- An advantage of the job is that Joe Mason can when he wants. [1 word]
- A disadvantage of the job is that Joe can't what programmes to watch. [1 word]

5 **VOCABULARY** Complete the job-related collocations from the texts using the verbs below.

have have join look notice offer send take

Collocations: jobs

- for a job
- an advertisement
- in an application
- somebody a job
- a team
- the job of (doing something)
- a degree (in something)
- a day off

6 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Decide which of the three jobs looks a) most fun and b) most difficult. Explain your decision. Use the words below to help you, and your own ideas.

badly-paid creative challenging repetitive
rewarding stressful tiring varied well-paid

As I see it, the job of Lego sculptor would be quite repetitive.

I don't agree. I think...

7 INTERNET RESEARCH Look at online job advertisements. What is the best job you can find? Explain why you think it is the best.

The best job is ... It's a great job because:

- it's challenging / rewarding / well-paid, etc.
- it isn't ...
- you can travel / work alone / work outside, etc.
- you don't have to ...

The *best* jobs in the world ... probably

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A

Back in 2012, Andrew Johnson was near the end of his History & Photography degree in Chicago. He planned to apply to film school after graduation, rather than look for a job. But then his dad noticed an advertisement for a job with toy manufacturer Lego. Andrew, who was already a Lego fan, sent in an application. It included a video of himself making models. The company loved it and invited him to take part in an unusual interview. He had to compete against seven other finalists in a model-building test. Andrew won, and as a result, they offered him a job: he joined the team at Legoland Discovery Centre in Illinois as a Master Model Builder. He meets visitors and helps to give them exciting new ideas. Perhaps one day he'll go to film school, but for now, he's happy. 'Lego was always just a hobby, but now I can do what I love and get paid for it,' said Andrew in an interview.

B

Do you find it difficult to get out of bed sometimes, especially on frosty winter mornings? Well, imagine having a job where you don't have to. Jo Unsworth works as a duvet tester for John Lewis, a British department store. She has the job of finding the most comfortable duvets in the world to sell in their shops. Jo has a degree in textiles, so she can recognise good quality. But the real test of a duvet is sleeping under it. 'It's probably the only career where it's OK to fall asleep while you're at work,' Jo says. She often can't believe how lucky she is to have her 'dream job'. What is more, she finds it rewarding: 'If I do my job properly, hundreds of other people sleep better. It's brilliant!'

C

Some film providers like Netflix employ people to watch new films and TV series from the comfort of their own home! Their job is to make a note of what type of film it is (horror, rom-com, etc.) and what age group and type of person might like it. The film provider can then recommend it to their members. Joe Mason finished his degree in film studies about two years ago and didn't know what to do next. Then he read an article about film taggers. 'It sounded like a fantastic job so I did some research online and wrote to Netflix,' said Joe. At first they weren't interested, but when Joe told them he speaks fluent French – his mum is French – they gave him a job. He watches French films and TV programmes. 'It's a great job because I can work when I want. I can take a day off if I like and work at the weekend instead.' The only problem with the job is that Joe can't choose what he wants to watch. 'Sometimes I have to watch 15 episodes of rubbish! But I shouldn't complain really.'