

UNIT 12: MY FUTURE CAREER

A. PHONETICS

I. Sarah and Ann are discussing their jobs. Draw arrows to illustrate Ann's tone.

1. **Sarah:** Our manager is friendly.
Ann: Friendly? She is perfectly friendly.
2. **Sarah:** The salary is quite appealing.
Ann: Appealing? It is extremely appealing.
3. **Sarah:** The colleague sitting next to me is OK.
Ann: OK? He is brilliant!
4. **Sarah:** The location of our company is convenient.
Ann: Convenient? It's very ideal.
5. **Sarah:** The provided lunch is good.
Ann: Good? It's wonderful!
6. **Sarah:** The chance to get promoted is fair.
Ann: Fair? It's absolutely great!

II. The response to the pairs of sentences are the same but the speakers have opposite attitudes. Draw arrows to show the tones.

1a	- I can recommend the chicken in mushroom sauce. - Delicious.	1b	- The tomato juice wasn't fresh and the oyster was still somewhat raw. - Delicious.
2a	- Our retail sales fell 8% in May. - Excellent.	2b	- Our sales are up for the third year in a row. - Excellent.
3a	- I've passed my driving test. - Fantastic!	3b	- I quitted my new job. - Fantastic!
4a	- I'll lend you the car if you like. - Great! Thank you.	4b	- Your car won't be ready until next week. - Oh, great. I need it tomorrow.
5a	- She'd like her bedroom painted grey and brown. - It's gorgeous.	5b	- The weather is warm and with a lot of sun. - It's gorgeous.
6a	- Daddy! I came second in maths. - Well done, sweetheart!	6b	- I dropped out of school last week. - Well done, John!

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Match the words with their definitions.

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| 1. academic | a. a qualification obtained after a course of study or an exam |
| 2. vocational | b. used in a practical way |
| 3. approach | c. continuing to exist or develop, or still happening |

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4. flexitime	d. connected with studying from books
5. ongoing	e. having a lot of energy and a strong personality
6. applied	f. able to understand how somebody else feels
7. certificate	g. showing a high level of skill or training
8. empathetic	h. a method of doing something
9. dynamic	i. relating to the skills you need to do a particular job
10. professional	j. a system of working that allows employees to vary the time they start or finish work

II. Complete the sentences with the words from part I.

- The school offers _____ programs in welding, electrical work, and building maintenance.
- His personal history makes him especially _____ to workers' need for a fair wage.
- Career is an _____ process and so it needs to be assessed on continuous basis.
- Children who are not good at _____ subjects may excel in music or sport.
- She is working on her GED _____ so she can attend art school.
- _____ is also beneficial to workers pursuing an education.
- The modern _____ to grammar teaching should make it easier to learn.
- Seek advice from a _____ beautician who specializes in bridal makeup.
- I'm going to take a course in _____ mathematics this semester.
- We're looking for a _____, caring and positive teacher who wants to make a difference.

III. Fill in each blank with a suitable job from the box. Modify it if necessary.

housekeeper	lodging manager	biologist	event planner	architect
mechanic	craftsman	pharmacist	fashion designer	tour guide

- Charles Darwin, one of the most famous _____ to hail from Britain, is best known for his theory of evolution.
- The Yale University Art Gallery was designed by the renowned _____, Louis Kahn.
- A hotel _____ is responsible for ensuring rooms and other areas of a hotel are kept clean every day.
- _____ are responsible for helping people to visit unfamiliar areas.
- I applied for a job as a _____ in a local garage, but I was rejected.
- Working as a _____, he is responsible for the overall operations of the hotel.
- After they have an initial idea, _____ try out various fabrics and produce a prototype.
- Local _____ sell handmade souvenirs from leather at an annual Lithuanian folk arts and crafts.
- An _____ is responsible for coordinating and organizing all aspects of a client's event.

10. The _____ carefully measured out a dose of herbal medicine and told me how to brew it.

IV. Fill in each blank with a phrase or idiom from the box. Modify it if necessary.

earn a living	do a nine-to-five job	take a course	work flexitime
make a bundle	burn the midnight oil	behind the scenes	take into account
	make good progress	get a promotion	

1. He bought a few stocks and _____ in just a few years.
2. Some people don't like _____ as they find it so boring to work in a job with a regular routine.
3. Gallatin tried _____ by teaching French in Harvard College.
4. She was always toadying to the boss, but she didn't _____ out of it!
5. I've _____ in both English speaking and writing since I started this course.
6. Susan decided _____ in art and design because it's a good way to progress her career.
7. My boss never _____ my extra hours of work, that's why I need to change my job now.
8. I'd like _____ so I can spend more time taking care of my elderly mother.
9. Although he had retired, Brown remained active: _____ for years.
10. I have a big exam tomorrow so I'll be _____ tonight.

V. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d to complete each sentence.

1. She started her _____ as an EFL teacher in Egypt in 1996.
a. work b. profession c. career d. occupation
2. He intends to _____ in medical school to qualify as a doctor and specialise in health care,
a. enrol b. take c. promote d. manage
3. _____ study the ways in which matter and energy interact.
a. Sociologists b. Physicists c. Architects d. Biologists
4. Older workers are more _____ to change than their younger counterparts.
a. dynamic b. empathetic c. adaptable d. professional
5. The _____ has to meet with clients to understand the purpose of the event they are about to organize.
a. customer service representative b. event planner
c. fashion designer d. lodging manager
6. We're all working _____ to get the job finished on time.
a. flexitime b. timeout c. time after time d. overtime
7. Many of my friends are _____. They are fashion designers, painters and musicians.
a. technical b. patient c. skillful d. artistic
8. During the middle and high school years, American students do much less well in mathematics than their Japanese _____.

a. acquaintances b. peers c. partners d. counterparts

9. _____ training is focused on building skills specific to an occupation or career field.

a. Academic b. Educational c. Vocational d. Theoretical

10. After leaving university, I wasn't sure which career _____ to choose.

a. road b. track c. path d. route

VI. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

1. Although I was late, I didn't miss the bus.

→ In spite of _____

2. Although I was in a hurry, I didn't forget to lock the door.

→ Despite _____

3. Even though it was raining heavily, they went to the football match.

→ In spite of _____

4. She didn't get the job, even though she had all the necessary qualifications.

→ In spite of _____

5. Though she hates rock music, she went to the performance.

→ Despite _____

6. Even though they were very successful, they never made much money.

→ In spite of _____

7. Although she knew the answer, she refused to tell him.

→ Despite _____

8. Although she has a lot of money, she doesn't help the homeless.

→ Despite _____

9. Even though I had planned very carefully, we ended up staying in a really bad hotel.

→ Despite _____

10. Though I wasn't keen on the film, I thought the music was beautiful.

→ In spite of _____

VII. Rewrite the sentences, using the words given.

1. I like Joseph, but I sometimes find him very irritating. (although)

2. The weather was rough. They still set sail. (despite)

3. We sell almost a hundred machines a month. We are a small company. (though)

4. He lacked experience, but he became a successful businessman. (in spite of)

5. Susan had lived in Norway for ten years. She never got used to the cold. (despite)

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6. You still play loud music. I've asked you not to several times. (even though)

 7. They said construction was complete. However, there were builders working on the hotel when we arrived. (although)

 8. I was very hungry. I had eaten a big breakfast two hours earlier. (in spite of)

 9. They offered him a place at the university. He was only 15. (though)

 10. I had been ill all day. I handed my report in on time. (despite the fact that)

VIII. Underline the correct form.

1. She agreed *not to tell* / *not telling* anyone about what had happened.
2. He disliked *to work* / *working* with committees and avoided it whenever possible.
3. In court, she admitted *to receive* / *receiving* almost \$1 million as "consulting fees".
4. They chose *to stay* / *staying* in a cheap hotel but spend more money on meals.
5. I regretted *not to learn* / *not learning* to play the piano when I was younger.
6. Never rely on someone else's memory. Learn *to trust* / *trusting* your own.
7. Please, avoid *to touch* / *touching* the wires with wet hands.
8. Gina tried *to open* / *opening* the door, but it seemed *to be* / *being* stuck.
9. After finishing his studies, John intends *to enrol* / *enrolling* in a vocational course.
10. She postponed *to make* / *making* a decision on opening the new shop.
11. The police refuse *to comment* / *commenting* on whether anyone has been arrested.
12. In spite of the traffic, we managed *to get* / *getting* to the airport in time.
13. Sometimes she would stop *to cry* / *crying* for a while, and it seemed that she was gaining control.
14. We started *to learn* / *learning* English in third year junior middle school.
15. This book is definitely worth *to read* / *reading* and you will learn some useful leadership skills from it.

IX. Complete the sentences with words from the box, using Verb + to-infinitive or Verb + V-ing.

meet	go	take	buy	type	spend	sign	be
switch off	listen	change	ban	earn			

1. Have you tried _____ the batteries? That might work.
2. She has decided _____ travelling for a year before starting university.

3. Did I mention _____ our clients on Monday?
4. Katherine appears _____ the most qualified person for the job.
5. On the way to the station, I stopped _____ a paper.
6. Do you remember _____ the lights before we came out?
7. You can't expect _____ \$3,000 per month as a fresh graduate.
8. I had finished _____ the report just minutes before it was due.
9. The council is considering _____ vehicles from the town centre to relieve congestion.
10. Don't forget _____ the document as soon as you are finished.
11. If you are planning _____ classes in a summer term, remember that fewer courses are offered.
12. I always enjoy _____ to classical music whenever I'm feeling stressed.
13. Mom would love _____ time in the garden, taking care of her flowers and plants.

X. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Having bought the house, they couldn't afford _____ (furnish) it.
2. I could hardly imagine _____ (live) in such a remote and desolate spot.
3. He promised _____ (send) me a recommendation letter two days ago.
4. My boyfriend keeps _____ (change) his mind because he doesn't truly know what he wants.
5. Both children deny _____ (break) the window, but I'm sure they did.
6. I must remember _____ (go) shopping later - we have no food!
7. Our memories are filled with things we never even meant _____ (remember).
8. Excuse me, would you mind _____ (clean) the table, please!
9. Peter pretended _____ (have) a stomachache and left work early.
10. I regret _____ (inform) that you have failed the application round for the teaching position.
11. I forgot _____ (mail) my check, so I paid the rent twice this month.
12. Clare offered _____ (take) me to the airport, which was very kind of her.
13. I continued _____ (work) till Sally came in and then we had supper.
14. I can't stand _____ (stay) at home for long periods of time.
15. I'm glad it's almost summertime - I just can't wait _____ (go) swimming!

XI. Choose the correct answers, a, b, c, or d to complete the sentences.

1. Do you mind _____ in here? Speaking is not allowed in the library.
a. no talking b. not talking c. not talk d. not to talk
2. My parents are never pleased with my grades _____ I get nothing less than a 'B'.
a. even though b. despite c. because d. because of
3. We've decided to go on a vacation _____ all the financial problems we are going through.
a. although b. since c. in spite of d. however
4. He has received several scholarships _____ his academic and artistic ability.

- a. though b. because of c. despite d. for
5. I hope _____ in time for my trip to Australia next month.
a. recover b. recovering c. to recover d. to be recovered
6. I always put off _____ my homework until the last possible moment.
a. doing b. to do c. do d. in doing
7. _____ riding a bicycle is a good leg exercise, it does not use up a lot of calories.
a. As b. Because c. If d. Although
8. I expect to get high marks in this exam _____ I put in a lot of work for it.
a. even though b. whereas c. so that d. because
9. _____ working for the company for six months now, he never seems to know what to do.
a. Since b. Although c. Despite d. Because of
10. Are you going to make your daughter _____ part time in the store this summer?
a. work b. to work c. working d. worked
11. _____ he had read the instructions several times, he knew what to do.
a. Whereas b. Until c. After d. Although
12. Patricia encouraged me _____ to Stanford, and I got in.
a. applying b. to apply c. apply d. applied
13. I feel like _____ to the movies this evening - want to come?
a. go b. to go c. to going d. going
14. Our company is surviving _____ the fact that the economy has gone into recession.
a. although b. because of c. despite d. whereas
15. It's no use _____ on the telephone. The line is always busy.
a. try to call b. trying calling c. to try calling d. trying to call

XII.Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

- Janet is responsible _____ the training and orientation of employees.
- Don't be too curious _____ things you are not supposed to know.
- Coursework is taken _____ account as well as exam results.
- Super's theory focused _____ describing the process of career development.
- Many students opt _____ business studies simply because it sounds like a passport to a good job.
- Vocational training programs provide you _____ practical skills can be directly applied _____ a occupation.
- My sister decided _____ her future career while she was still at secondary school.
- Most students who enrol _____ geology courses do not intend to become geologists.
- What made you interested _____ applying for this position?
- The charity work you've been doing really makes a difference _____ these kids.

C. SPEAKING

I. Complete the conversation with the sentences from the box. Write the letters of the sentences.

- A. Do you have to produce any reports?
- B. First of all, what is your current position?
- C. Thanks for your information, Peter. It sounds like you have an interesting job.
- D. What sort of problems do you deal with on a daily basis?
- E. Do you ever attend meetings?
- F. What do your responsibilities include?
- G. What else does your job involve?
- H. Hi, Mr. Peter. Could you tell me some information about your current job?

Jack: (1) _____

Peter: Certainly. What would you like to know?

Jack: (2) _____

Peter: I work as a software engineer at Schuller's and Co.

Jack: (3) _____

Peter: I'm responsible for systems administration and in-house programming.

Jack: (4) _____

Peter: Oh, there are always lots of small system glitches. I also provide information on a need-to-know basis for employees.

Jack: (5) _____

Peter: Well, as I said, for part of my job I have to develop in-house programs for special tasks in the company.

Jack: (6) _____

Peter: No, I just have to make sure that everything is in good conditions.

Jack: (7) _____

Peter: Yes, I attend monthly meetings at the end of the month.

Jack: (8) _____

Peter: Yes, it's very interesting, but stressful, too!

II. Put the dialogue into the correct order.

- ___ Nice to meet you, too.
- ___ So you don't mind working long hours, do you?
- ___ No, I think I have pretty good understanding about the job. I believe I can easily adapt to this new work, and I hope to have the opportunity to work for you.
- ___ Well, what are your strengths?
- ___ Can you work under pressure?

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- ___ 1 Please take a seat.
- ___ Of course not.
- ___ Thank you.
- ___ I was a student at West Coast University, and I just graduated with a Bachelor degree in Finance. I have been working part-time as a payroll clerk for the last two years.
- ___ Alright. John, nice to meet you. Thank you for coming.
- ___ Do you have any questions for me?
- ___ I am a hard-working person and a fast learner. I am very eager to learn new things, and I can easily get along with people.
- ___ John, please tell me a little bit about yourself.
- ___ Yes, I can. When I was at school, I took quite a few courses each semester while working at least twenty hours a week. I handled that situation very well.

D. READING

I. Complete the passage with words from the box.

success	profession	career	purposely	successful
living	likely	definite	decisions	well-chosen

It is very important for everybody to make the right choice of (1) _____. And it is no wonder because there are a lot of honourable professions at your disposal to obtain, for example, the profession of a teacher, a doctor, a computer-operator, an engineer, a journalist, etc. It is difficult for the young people to give a (2) _____ answer. There are lots of people who take (3) _____ about their professions and their career very easily. It is a matter of fact that only few of them become successful in their careers and their lives. Most of such people don't gain much (4) _____ in their professions and their careers. The next point is that there is a big difference between job and career. Job is just a place to work in and to earn your (5) _____ while career involves planning out the journey, picking up the necessary skills along the way to be successful, and (6) _____ deciding what your interests, skills and work values are.

Some people never pick a (7) _____. They continue drifting from job to job, without considering where the drifting will lead. Teens may change their career interests or goals over time, but a (8) _____ career usually leads to more advanced and challenging opportunities. And let's face it - you're (9) _____ to be working most of your life, so why not enjoy what you're doing. Finally, try to choose your career carefully and then you will be happy and (10) _____ in your future life.

II. Read the article carefully, then do the tasks.

The Right Job for Your Personality

Choosing a career is an important life decision, yet many people settle on one based on the opinions of friends and family. It's very difficult to find something you really enjoy doing, but scientists have devised tests to help people come closer to finding their dream job. Take a look at the six personality types below and see which jobs might be right for you. Most people are a combination of two or three types.

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