Unusual Jobs

Read the text and do the tasks.

There are a lot of people out there who are not satisfied or just plain bored with their office work. There is also a small group of people who are doing jobs you will never believe exist — for some serious cash. Get ready to see jobs that obliterate the concept of a 9-5.

These are the most unusual jobs you have never heard about. Would you want to switch to one of these?

Professional Snuggler

If you need to be hugged, cuddled, and snuggled, but you're all alone, then your answer is a professional snuggler. You'll be surprised to find a number of companies offering the most enjoyable and relaxing professional cuddling experience. You get to hug somebody, and you get paid between $60 and $80 an hour! Bear in mind: nothing more than hugs.

Golf Ball Diver

If you enjoy scuba diving and being outdoors, then you are a perfect candidate for this unusual job. Golf ball divers are responsible for collecting all the golf balls from the bottom of ponds on courses. Sounds easy and enjoyable! Well, the truth is that many ponds are not well taken care of, and you can find a lot of nasty mud, algae, and even snakes down there. Gross.

Pet Food Tester

Pets are our friends, and we have to make sure that they eat delicious and nutritious meals. Call in the pet food testers! They taste pet food to evaluate the flavors and check if it's up to quality standards. Nobody deserves bad food, especially the favorite member of the family.

Paper Towel Sniffer

You might have noticed that all paper towels either smell delicious or have almost no smell. It's not a coincidence but the fruits of hard work from paper towel sniffers. They sniff paper towels for manufacturers to make sure they don't have any undesirable smells. Don't get too excited because it's literally easier to get a job as a brain surgeon than this job, which might be one of the smallest job niches out there.

Water Slide Tester

It's day 5 of your family vacation, and your kids are driving you crazy. It's aqua park time, a day for your kids to release all their pent-up energy and for you to let loose a little. A perfect water park has fun (for kids) and safety (for adults). A water slide tester's responsibility lies in taking multiple trips down the slide to see how much water it needs, how quickly you can reach the bottom, and how safe and fun it is. What a hard job!

Snake Milker

Snake venom (poison) can be used for many things, but the most important is its use in medical research or to produce "antivenom." As a result, there is a high demand for snake poison every year. Snake milkers spend their days pushing snakes (certain types only) into a plastic container to extract or milk the snake. These true heroes literally save lives by milking snakes.

Body Part Model

Turns out you don't need to be beautiful and have an incredible body to be a successful model. If you have attractive hands or beautiful feet, the world is waiting for you. Besides, some products are also looking for ugly feet or hands. Successful body models are well paid, so there is always a way to reach your dream, hot or not.

Stunt Tester

You've probably seen shows like *X-Factor* or *Fear Factor,* where one of the challenges is to eat live bugs or insects. To make sure that disgusting food is suitable for eating, companies hire stunt testers. They try obscure or terrible food to make sure that nobody will get hurt...except them. As high risk is involved, they are highly paid.

1. **Find the word in the text. Mind the words in the word list below which are odd.**

   Word list: *pent-up, delicious, algae, milker, coincidence, multiple, scuba diving, stunt, hug, venom, nutritious, undesirable, gross, evaluate.*

   A) an underwater plant - _____;
   B) nourishing, efficient as food - _____;
   C) the activity of swimming underwater using a scuba - _____;
   D) snake poison - _____;
   E) a nasty, unpleasant thing - _____;
   F) an exciting, dangerous action - _____.
   G) a concurrence of events - _____;
   H) hidden, unable to be expressed - _____.

2. **Write if the sentence is true or false.**

   1. A water slide tester's responsibility is to see how much water is needed for the slide. _____
   2. A person must be very pretty to work a body part model. _____
   3. A snake milker milks only poisonous snakes. _____
   4. Golf ball divers usually enjoy their swimming underwater. _____
   5. Stunt testers are highly paid. _____
   6. It is easy to become a paper towel sniffer. _____