

READING PRACTICE

No Boring Jobs

A good job is not always easy. Many people are happy with a job that is difficult but interesting. Read about three people like this.

Lara Setrakian is a journalist. She is from the United States, but travels to different parts of the world for her job. Sometimes, she is in places that are dangerous. Her job is difficult because she travels a lot. Her job is interesting because she meets many people from around the world. She talks with them about their lives, sometimes in their own language. She speaks five languages! They are English, Arabic, Armenian, French, and Spanish.

Misty Copeland is a dancer from the United States. She is a principal dancer with the American Ballet Theatre, in New York City. Principal dancers are the best dancers—male or female—in the

company. Principal dancers earn a good salary. It is a difficult job. Misty practices for long hours and performs in many shows. She also travels to perform in other cities in the US and other countries.

José Andres is a chef. He is from Spain, but lives in the United States. He cooks Spanish food in good restaurants. He is also a **volunteer**. His **organization** is World Central Kitchen. He works with other chefs to give food to people in need all around the world. Sometimes, they help when there is a natural disaster, like in Puerto Rico and Haiti. In other countries, like Nicaragua and Cambodia, World Central Kitchen trains people to be chefs.

volunteer someone who chooses to do work he or she is not paid for

organization a group or association



A Read the article Select **T** for *true* or **F** for *false*.

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| 1. A good job is an easy job. | T | F |
| 2. People with difficult jobs are always unhappy. | T | F |
| 3. Lara, Misty, and Jose are all from the US. | T | F |
| 4. Lara Setrakian is a photographer. | T | F |
| 5. Misty Copeland is a good dancer. | T | F |
| 6. A volunteer works without a salary. | T | F |

B Answer the questions.

1. What is Lara Setrakian's job? _____
2. Is Lara's job safe or dangerous? _____
3. Where does Misty Copeland work? _____
4. Does her job pay a good salary? _____
5. What nationality is José Andres? _____
6. Where does he work? _____

C Check (✓) the correct columns, according to the reading.

This person...	Lara Setrakian	Misty Copeland	José Andres
is from the United States.			
travels for work.			
is a volunteer.			
earns a good salary.			