B2 Listening worksheet 1 (standard)

Choosing the right path



Warmer

1 **Look at the pictures. Which of these job would do you think…**

- **A** are **rewarding**?
- **B** are **tedious**?
- **C** **make a difference**?
- **D** are **exhausting**?
- **E** require a lot of **training**?
- **F** require a lot of **overtime**?
- **G** allow people to **earn** a high **income**?

2 **Why might these children want to pursue these careers?**

3 **What profession did you want to go into when you were 8 years old? Why?**

Tip

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Listening

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Listen and write the correct option A, B or C.

1 **You hear a man talking about changing careers.**

The man became a vet because

- **A** he wanted to help the family dog
- **B** he felt bad he couldn't help the family dog
- **C** it required similar studies to what he'd been doing

2 **You hear a school girl talking about her volunteering experience**

The girl

- **A** is surprised at the number stories she hears
- **B** always does her homework
- **C** is always home on time

3 **You hear a conversation between two friends**

The boy

- **A** Wouldn't like being a full time artist
- **B** is sorry his mum doesn't draw anymore
- **C** thinks he'll have to stop drawing

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4 You hear a woman explaining why she became a programmer

The woman thinks that

A she became a programmer because of her brother

B she chose her career based on the offices she'd seen

C her brother should have become a programmer

5 You hear a man talking about working from home.

Since he started working from home, the man is

A less productive than when he worked at the office

B as productive as when he worked at the office

C more productive than when he worked at the office

6 You hear a woman talk about her child.

The mother

A wishes the coach hadn't invited the talent scout

B worries about her son's health

C thinks Alec will never be a professional footballer

Improve your listening

Tip

The first possible option you hear is sometimes not the correct one. Use your knowledge of linking language to help you identify the correct answers.

1 Look at the extract below. Does the phrase introduce an idea which supports or contrasts the previous idea?

"…most people think that's why I switched to veterinary school after he passed, but in fact I was finding my studies so tedious that I'd already made up my mind to take some time out and rethink things."

2 Listen to the six extracts again and write down the linking phrases you hear near the correct answers. Do they introduce and idea which supports (*S*) or contrasts (*C*) the previous idea?

1	in fact (c)	**2**	actually (c)	**3**	though (c)
4	indeed (s)	**5**	so (s)	**6**	still (c)

3 For each question below, write a sentence using a linking phrase from 2. Use vocabulary from exercise 1 when possible.

Example:
Sheila wants to
A be a lawyer
B be a journalist

*Sheila used to want to pursue a career as a lawyer, **but in fact** she's not sure any more. Maybe being a journalist would be more rewarding.*

1 John doesn't like his job because A the salary is too low B the job is boring	2 Judy became a novelist because A she loved writing B she wanted to travel
3 Phil quit his job because A he wants to become self-employed B he wants to go back to university	4 Sarah loves her internship because A she can help people B She enjoys learning new things

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