2.5 Reading

Hotel inspector

I had to work in a hotel for five years before I became a hotel inspector. My job is to stay in hotels all around the country and check everything. The rooms must be clean and comfortable. What about the bathrooms? Is the food good? Are the staff polite? I have to give things a score out of five and write a long report about each hotel. It isn't a well-paid job, but I enjoy seeing different places.



Zookeeper

Do you want to be a zookeeper? Then you must love animals and you mustn't be afraid of them. My job is to look after the meerkats. It's very challenging! I have to prepare their food, keep them clean, make sure they're healthy and write a report every day. Last week, three meerkats were sick and I had to look after them. I couldn't go home for three days! My job isn't easy, but I love it.



Pilot

I have a well-paid and exciting job. You need special training to become a pilot, and I still do training every six months and pass tests. I also have a check-up every year. If I don't pass it, I can't fly a plane! Last week my co-pilot and I flew to Australia – it took 20 hours! We were tired, but we had a great time in Sydney.



1 Read the magazine article and choose the best title. Circle the correct answer.

a My job is easy! b Which job would you like?
c Boring jobs

2 Look at the highlighted words in the text. Match them to definitions 1–5.

1 making you relaxed *comfortable*
2 a medical examination _____
3 a description of a situation _____
4 the people who work in the same place _____
5 someone who flies a plane with the main pilot _____

3 Read the texts again and answer the questions. Write *HI* (hotel inspector), *Z* (zookeeper) or *P* (pilot). Some questions have more than one answer.

Who ...

1 travels a lot in their job? *HI*, *P*
2 says they don't make a lot of money? _____
3 has to see the doctor once a year? _____
4 makes a lot of money from their job? _____
5 says things have to be clean? _____, _____
6 has to write a lot in their job? _____, _____
7 sometimes has to work long hours? _____, _____

4 Read the texts again. In your notebook, answer the questions.

1 How many years did the hotel inspector work in a hotel? *five years*
2 What does the hotel inspector like about the job?
3 Is the hotel inspector well-paid?
4 How often does the zookeeper have to write a report?
5 Is it easy to look after the meerkats?
6 How often do pilots do training?
7 What happens if a pilot doesn't pass his or her medical tests?

5 In your notebook, write 3–5 sentences about one of these jobs. Use the words in the box and your own ideas.

badly-paid boring challenging
dangerous doesn't have to exciting
has to special training uniform well-paid

- vet
- factory worker
- hairdresser
- actor

A vet works with animals. It is a challenging and well-paid job. A vet sometimes has to work at nights and weekends.

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