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Working 9 to 5

- Discuss opinions, advantages, and disadvantages of jobs
- Compare various jobs

1 SNAPSHOT

What do you want from your career?



☐ Security

If you want to have stability, choose a job that you can keep for your whole life. You could be a federal judge, a public school teacher, or a university professor.



☐ Adventure

Perhaps you can't picture yourself doing the same thing, at the same place, for years and years. In that case, be something that will allow you to explore other places and other cultures, like an environmentalist or a tour guide.



☐ Money

Do you want to have a high-paying job? You may want to look into being a financial analyst, a doctor, or a stockbroker.



Rank the factors from 1 (most important) to 3 (least important). Compare with a partner.
Which factors did you consider when you chose your present job or your future career? Why?

2 PERSPECTIVES Career choices

- **A** Listen to students discuss career choices. Do you agree or disagree?
Check (✓) the speaker you agree with more.

 <p>I'd like to work in the video game industry. Playing games all day would be lots of fun.</p>	 <p>I disagree! Playing the same game every day for months would be boring.</p>	 <p>Designing clothes is not a man's job. Women are much more fascinated by fashion.</p>
 <p>Being a flight attendant sounds very exciting. Traveling all the time would be really interesting.</p>	 <p>But flight attendants get tired of traveling. They spend most of their time in airports!</p>	 <p>That's not true! Many great fashion designers are men. Just look at Michael Kors!</p>
<p>B Compare your responses with your classmates. Give more reasons to support your opinions.</p>		
 <p>I'd enjoy working with animals. I think working as a veterinarian could be rewarding.</p>	 <p>I'm not so sure. Animals can be very unpredictable. Getting a dog bite would be scary!</p>	

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Gerund phrases

Gerund phrases as subjects

Playing games all day would be lots of fun.

Being a flight attendant sounds exciting.

Designing clothes is not a man's job.

Working as a veterinarian could be rewarding.

Gerund phrases as objects

She'd be good at testing games.

He'd love being a flight attendant.

He wouldn't like being a fashion designer.

She'd enjoy working with animals.

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A Look at the gerund phrases in column A. Write your opinion of each job by choosing information from columns B and C. Then add two more gerund phrases and write similar sentences.

A

1. working from home
2. doing volunteer work
3. having your own business
4. working on a movie set
5. being a teacher
6. making a living as a tour guide
7. taking care of sick people
8. retiring at age 40
9. _____
10. _____

B

- seems
could be
would be
must be
wouldn't be
doesn't sound

C

- awful
stressful
fantastic
fascinating
pretty difficult
kind of boring
really rewarding
very challenging

1. Working from home could be very challenging.

B PAIR WORK Give reasons for your opinions about the jobs in part A.

A: In my opinion, working from home could be very challenging.

B: Really? Why is that?

A: Because you have to learn to manage your time. It's easy to get distracted.

B: I'm not sure that's true. For me, working from home would be ...

C GROUP WORK Complete the sentences with gerund phrases. Then take turns reading your sentences. Share the three most interesting sentences with the class.

1. I'd get tired of ...
2. I'd be interested in ...
3. I'd be very excited about ...
4. I'd enjoy ...
5. I think I'd be good at ...
6. I wouldn't be very good at ...

"I'd get tired of doing the same thing every day."



4 WORD POWER Suffixes

- A** Add the suffixes *-er*, *-or*, *-ist*, or *-ian* to form the names of these jobs. Write the words in the chart and add one more example to each column.

software develop <i>er</i>	freelance journal	marketing direct	politic
computer technic	guidance counsel	project manag	psychiatr
-er	-or	-ist	-ian
software developer			

- B PAIR WORK** Can you give a definition for each job?

"A software developer is someone who creates apps for computers and other devices."

5 SPEAKING Career paths

GROUP WORK Talk about a career you would like to have. Use information from Exercises 1–4 or your own ideas. Other students ask follow-up questions.

A: I'd enjoy working as a guidance counselor.

B: Why is that?

A: Helping kids must be really rewarding.

C: Where would you work?

A: Well, I think I'd like to work at a high school.
I enjoy working with teens.



6 WRITING What's more satisfying?

- A GROUP WORK** What would you choose: a job that you love that doesn't pay well, or a high-paying job that you don't like? Discuss and list the consequences of the two alternatives.

- B** Use the list to write a paragraph justifying your choice.

Having a high-paying job that you don't like could be very frustrating. First of all, you'd have to do something you don't like every day. You would have a lot of money. However, it's not worth it if...
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- C PAIR WORK** Read your partner's paragraph. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

useful expressions

First of all, ...
In addition, ...
Furthermore, ...
For example, ...
However, ...
On the other hand, ...
In conclusion, ...

7 CONVERSATION It doesn't pay as much.

A Listen and practice.

Tyler: Guess what? . . . I've found a summer job!

Emma: That's great! Anything interesting?

Tyler: Yes, working at a beach resort.

Emma: Wow, that sounds fantastic!

Tyler: So, have you found anything?

Emma: Nothing yet, but I have a couple of leads. One is working as an intern for a news website – mostly answering emails and posts from readers. Or I can get a job as a camp counselor again.

Tyler: Being an intern sounds more challenging than working at a summer camp. You could earn college credits, and it's probably not as much work.

Emma: Yeah, but the internship doesn't pay as much as the summer camp job. Do they have another opening at the beach resort? That's the kind of job I'd really enjoy.



B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What is Tyler going to do at the resort?

8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Comparisons

with adjectives

. . . sounds **more/less** challenging **than** . . .

. . . is **harder than** . . .

. . . is **not as hard as** . . .

with nouns

. . . has **better/worse** hours **than** . . .

. . . has **more** education **than** . . .

. . . **isn't as much** work **as** . . .

with verbs

. . . earns **more/less than** . . .

. . . earns **as much as** . . .

. . . **doesn't pay as much as** . . .

with past participles

. . . is **better paid than** . . .

. . . is **as well paid as** . . .

. . . **isn't as well paid as** . . .

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A Complete the sentences using the words in parentheses. Compare with a partner. (More than one answer is possible.)

- In my opinion, being a firefighter is _____ (stressful) being a sales associate.
In addition, sales associates have _____ (hours) firefighters.
- In general, doctors need _____ (training) nutritionists. However, they usually _____ (earn) nutritionists.
- Game testers don't need _____ (experience) software developers.
As a result, they _____ (earn) software developers.
- A career in banking is often _____ (demanding) a career in sales,
but it is also _____ (paid).

B PAIR WORK Compare the jobs in part A. Which would you choose? Why?

9 PRONUNCIATION Stress with compound nouns

- ▶ **A** Listen and practice. Notice that the first word in these compound nouns has more stress. Then add two more compound nouns to the chart.

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firefighter	game tester	guidance counselor	
hairstylist	flight attendant	project manager	

- B GROUP WORK** Which job in each column would be more challenging? Why? Tell the group. Pay attention to stress.

10 LISTENING It's not what I thought.

- ▶ **A** Listen to Caden talk to Janelle about his job as a video game tester. Which parts of the job does he like and dislike? Check (✓) Like or Dislike.

		Like	Dislike
1.	The pay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	The hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Testing games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Playing video games at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Thinking of new ideas for games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



- ▶ **B** Listen again. What does Caden decide to do?
- C PAIR WORK** What other advice would you give Caden?

11 DISCUSSION Which job would you take?

- A** What is a job you would like to have? What is a job you wouldn't like to have? Write each one on a separate slip of paper.

kindergarten teacher

tour guide

- B GROUP WORK** Mix all the slips from your group. One student picks two slips and the group helps him or her decide between the two jobs.
- A:** You should take the job as a kindergarten teacher because you enjoy working with kids.
- B:** But being a tour guide sounds more exciting. I could travel more and earn more money.
- C:** But you'd work longer hours and . . .

12 INTERCHANGE 2 Networking

Would you be a good party planner? Go to Interchange 2 on page 115.

A Skim the web posts. Which person works in the most traditional workplace? the least traditional?

THE PERFECT WORKPLACE?

What is your workplace like? Tell us and see how other places compare!

My workplace is cooler than any office I've ever seen. Working here is really stimulating. I share a table with my co-workers, and the workplace is flooded with light. Getting free meals is great, and there are relaxing activities like billiards and board games. Plus we get a membership to a local gym! It isn't all play, of course – we work very hard – but the perks make it better than any other job I can imagine.

Lauren L., Palo Alto, California



When I got my job as a project manager for a finance company in London, I imagined a modern building with views of the city and open workspaces. When I arrived for my first day, I was pretty surprised. I found a typical cubicle farm, with desks as far as the eye could see. It works for me, though. I can concentrate in my own space and then talk with colleagues in the meeting rooms. We do have a great gym on the ground floor, so that's a bonus!

Catherine D., London, UK



I work in a research laboratory at a botanical garden. Working in a lab isn't as tedious as it sounds. That's because a lot of my work takes place in the greenhouses or outdoors. I love spending time among plants, and I enjoy working with other scientists who share my interests. True, the workplace isn't very luxurious. We have a tiny break room that some people complain about, and there isn't a place to work out or anything, but being outdoors so much makes up for the disadvantages.

Mark T., Bronx, New York



B Read the web posts. Who would have written these sentences about their workplace? Write the names.

1. Working in different environments keeps me from getting bored. _____
2. It's a perfect environment for sharing new ideas with co-workers. _____
3. There's nothing unique about it, but it's fine for the kind of work we do. _____
4. Visitors might get the idea that we don't take our work seriously. _____
5. Some employees are dissatisfied with the workplace, but I don't mind it. _____
6. I love being able to exercise without leaving the building. _____

C Find the words below in the web posts. Then complete the sentences with the words.

stimulating perk cubicle tedious luxurious

1. One _____ of my job is that we get free tickets to cultural and sporting events.
2. Working with creative people is very _____ because we can share lots of great ideas!
3. The disadvantage of working in a _____ is that you can hear everything that's going on around you.
4. The marketing director's office is very _____, with beautiful furniture and valuable paintings.
5. Working with numbers all day seems _____ to some people, but I enjoy it.

D **PAIR WORK** Which of the workplaces would you like the best? What features of a workplace matter most to you?