

7C LISTENING AND VOCABULARY

- 1 Tick the factors which you think are important for job satisfaction.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> boring work | <input type="checkbox"/> long hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> friendly co-workers | <input type="checkbox"/> low salary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good career prospects | <input type="checkbox"/> working in a team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> having full-time work | <input type="checkbox"/> working with customers |

- 2 52 Listen to a talk about job satisfaction and answer the questions.

1 Who do you think the speaker is talking to?

2 What is the main purpose of her talk?

- 3 52 Listen to the talk again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 At the beginning, the speaker says how long
 - a the listeners will work for.
 - b she's been a career advisor.
 - c it takes to choose the right job.
- 2 According to the speaker, surveys show that
 - a job satisfaction rates are falling.
 - b a good salary affects our job satisfaction the most.
 - c more people are unhappy than happy at work.
- 3 What does the speaker say about her work?
 - a She doesn't like giving speeches.
 - b She has a job that everyone would enjoy.
 - c She gets satisfaction from helping other people.
- 4 What do we learn about job satisfaction rates?
 - a Doctors are happier at work than teachers.
 - b The firefighting career gives the most satisfaction.
 - c 80 percent of people would enjoy being firefighters.
- 5 At the end of the talk, what does the speaker say?
 - a Some jobs aren't pleasant for anybody.
 - b It's better not to work in an office.
 - c It's important to find a job you enjoy.

Vocabulary extension

- 4 53 Complete the extracts from the talk in Exercise 2 with one word in each gap. Listen and check.

- 1 That means that more than 50 percent of people ... get up every morning with a heavy *heart*.
- 2 For me, standing here giving this talk to a hall full of sixteen-year-olds is right up my _____ ...
- 3 Of course, that doesn't mean that 80 percent of us are _____ about becoming firefighters, ...
- 4 ... let me just say that a job which suits one person might be another person's worst _____!
- 5 Don't _____ do with something that's not right for you.
- 6 It's your life - make the _____ of it.

- 5 **ON A HIGH NOTE** Choose a job which you think you'd like to do. Write a short paragraph about why you think it would give you satisfaction.

Pronunciation

- 6 54 Look at some words which contain the /ɜ:/ sound. Try and guess what sound this symbol represents. Listen, check and repeat the words.

bird
third
heard
learn
burn
turn

ACTIVE PRONUNCIATION | /ɜ:/ sound

The /ɜ:/ sound can be heard in many different words in English, but the words in which it appears are not all spelled the same.

- 7 55 Look at these sentences from the talk in Exercise 2. Find the words which contain the /ɜ:/ sound. Listen and check.

- 1 Your head teacher has invited me to talk to you today about career choices and your future in the *world* of work.
- 2 Work will take up a large part of your lives and really shapes who you are as a person.
- 3 Different surveys give us different information about which jobs give the most job satisfaction.
- 4 Not everybody likes giving talks though, or even working with people, so – as I say – your career is a very personal choice.
- 5 As you can imagine, a lot of research has been done into which careers give the most satisfaction and why.
- 6 Before I finish, let me just say that a job which suits one person might be another person's worst nightmare!

- 8 In Exercises 6 and 7, you heard the /ɜ:/ sound in words with different spellings. Look at these groups of words and find one word in each group which does NOT contain the /ɜ:/ sound.

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|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1 girl | firm | shirt | pirate |
| 2 earth | heart | heard | learn |
| 3 return | burger | hurry | hurt |
| 4 worm | worn | worse | world |
| 5 very | hers | German | nervous |

- 9 56 All these words have the /ɜ:/ sound. Complete each word with one or two vowels. Listen and repeat the words.

- 1 *surgery*
- 2 *j_urnal*ist
- 3 *n_urse*
- 4 *s_rvice*
- 5 *e_rn*
- 6 *arthquake*
- 7 *adv_rt*
- 8 *th_rities*