

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

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| ☐ boring work | ☐ long hours |
| ☐ friendly co-workers | ☐ low salary |
| ☐ good career prospects | ☐ working in a team |
| ☐ having full-time work | ☐ working with customers |

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

- Who do you think the speaker is talking to?

- What is the main purpose of her talk?

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

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

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

- Your head teacher has invited me to talk to you today about career choices and your future in the world of work.
- Work will take up a large part of your lives and really shapes who you are as a person.
- Different surveys give us different information about which jobs give the most job satisfaction.
- Not everybody likes giving talks though, or even working with people, so – as I say – your career is a very personal choice.
- As you can imagine, a lot of research has been done into which careers give the most satisfaction and why.
- 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 | <u>pirate</u> |
| 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.

- surgery
- j_rnalist
- n_rse
- s_rvice
- e_rn
- __rthquake
- adv__rt
- th__rties