

THE WORLD'S MOST UNUSUAL JOBS

Reading comprehension

When you think about a job, you probably imagine a doctor, a teacher, or a police officer. But what about the people who have jobs that are a little... different? All around the world, there are people doing unusual work that you may have never heard of.

One of these jobs is a professional sleeper. Yes, you read that correctly. These people are hired to test out beds, pillows, and blankets for hotels or companies. They spend the day sleeping and then write a review about how comfortable the products are. The best part is that they get paid for it! This is a dream job for people who love to relax and sleep.

Another strange but important job is a professional mourner. In some countries, particularly in parts of Asia and Africa, families hire people to cry at funerals. The mourners help to show how much the deceased person was loved and respected. It's a very emotional job, and the people who do it must be good actors. They need to cry and look sad, even if they didn't know the person who died.

Finally, have you ever heard of a snake milker? This job is very dangerous. Snake milkers work with venomous snakes to collect their venom. The venom is then used to create antivenom, which is a medicine that can save people's lives after they are bitten by a snake. This job requires special training and a lot of courage. It is not a job for someone who is afraid of snakes!

These examples show that a job doesn't always have to be boring. With a bit of creativity and courage, you can find a job that is truly unique and exciting.

True, False, or No Information

Read each statement and decide if it is True, False, or if the information is not given in the passage. Write **T** for True, **F** for False, or **NI** for No Information.

1. ____ Professional sleepers work in a factory.
2. ____ The job of a professional mourner is always easy and happy.
3. ____ Snake milkers only work with non-venomous snakes.
4. ____ Professional mourners are more common in Europe.
5. ____ A snake milker needs to have special training.
6. ____ The venom collected by snake milkers is used to make a medicine.

Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What is the purpose of a professional sleeper?
☐ A. To test how comfortable beds and pillows are.
☐ B. To help people who have problems sleeping.
☐ C. To sell beds and pillows to hotels.
2. Where do professional mourners work?
☐ A. At hospitals.
☐ B. At theatres.
☐ C. At funerals.
3. What do professional mourners need to be good at?
☐ A. Acting.
☐ B. Singing.
☐ C. Cooking.
4. Why is the job of a snake milker important?
☐ A. They save people from snake bites.
☐ B. They collect venom to make medicine.
☐ C. They sell snakes to pet shops.