WRITING PROJECT

My Parent's Job

Interview a parent and write about their job

Name: _____ **Class:** _____ **Date:** _____

Your task: Become a young journalist! Interview one of your parents about their job. Take notes, then use the information to write a **150–180-word essay** entitled *My Parent's Job*. You may write your interview notes in English or in your own language.

PART 1. Interview Your Parent

Ask the questions and write down your parent's answers.

A. General Information

1. What is your job?	
2. Where do you work?	
3. What are your main responsibilities?	
4. How long have you been doing this job?	
5. Is your job full-time or part-time?	

B. Skills and Personality

6. What skills do you need to do your job well?	
7. Do you need to be patient, creative, organised, confident or hardworking?	
8. Do you work alone or as part of a team?	
9. What kind of person is suitable for this job?	

C. Education and Experience

10. Do you need a university degree or special training for this job?	
11. What subjects or skills should someone learn to do this job?	
12. Is work experience important?	

D. Advantages and Disadvantages

13. What do you enjoy most about your job?	
14. What is the most difficult part of your job?	

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15. Does your job have any disadvantages?	
16. Would you recommend this job to other people? Why or why not?	

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PART 2. Vocabulary Challenge

Use at least **8–10** of these words or phrases in your essay. Tick the ones you use.

Working conditions

■ full-time	■ part-time
■ flexible working hours	■ working environment
■ work under pressure	■ work overtime
■ earn a salary	

Skills and personality

■ communication skills	■ problem-solving skills
■ organisational skills	■ creative
■ patient	■ responsible
■ hardworking	■ confident
■ reliable	■ team player

Education and experience

■ university degree	■ qualifications
■ experience	■ special training
■ knowledge	■ professional skills

Advantages and disadvantages

■ rewarding	■ challenging
■ stressful	■ tiring
■ enjoyable	■ well-paid
■ job satisfaction	■ responsibility

PART 3. Plan Your Essay

Title: My Parent's Job Write 3–4 paragraphs (150–180 words).

Paragraph 1 – Introduction

• What is your parent's job? Where do they work?
• How long have they worked there? Is it full-time or part-time?

Useful language: My mother/father works as a... | He/She works for... | His/Her job involves...

Paragraph 2 – Skills and Qualifications

• What skills and personality are needed?
• Does the job require a degree, training or experience?

Useful language: To do this job well, a person needs to... | It is important to be...

Paragraph 3 – Advantages and Disadvantages

• What are the positive and negative sides of the job?
• Is it stressful, tiring, enjoyable or rewarding?

Useful language: One of the best things about this job is... | However, one disadvantage is...

Paragraph 4 – Your Opinion

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- Would you like to do this job in the future? Why or why not?
- What did you learn from the interview?

Useful language: Personally, I think... | I would/wouldn't like to do this job because...

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PART 4. Write Your Essay

Use your interview notes and essay plan. Remember to write in full sentences and organise your ideas into paragraphs.

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PART 5. Final Checklist

Before submitting your essay, check each item.

■ I interviewed one of my parents.

■ I included information about their job and responsibilities.

■ I wrote 3–4 paragraphs (150–180 words).

■ I used at least 8–10 new vocabulary words.

■ I included the skills and qualifications needed for the job.

■ I described both positive and negative sides of the job.

■ I included my own opinion.

■ I checked my grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Remember: Don't just list the interview answers. Use them to write an interesting, connected text about your parent's job!

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