

Topic: Employment (page 6)

Scripts

Part 1

Listen to someone talking about how interesting these jobs are. Number the jobs 1-7 according to the order in which they are mentioned in the recording. While listening, check your pre-listening task answers.

I think every single job can be interesting. It depends on what people like and what they are good at. I'm creative and love the arts, so for me, a photographer is the best job out of these. Being a cook sounds great too, because you have to be creative as well. I like meeting people so I can imagine myself working as a receptionist. My uncle is a farmer and I know how hard and tiring this job is, but it still looks more interesting than a lawyer or a scientist. Oh, and an economist sounds so terribly boring to me! All the numbers and theories..., no thanks!

Part 2

Listen to someone talking about why people work. Complete the text with the correct adjectives.

People need work.

First of all, everybody needs money. A lot of people prefer a boring but well-paid job to an interesting occupation where they don't earn so much. It depends on what you think is important in life, but also on how much money you really need. I don't think I could have a stressful and boring job for long but who knows?

Another reason for having a job is that you feel useful. To be good at something means you have to study, try hard and get more experience. Life is meaningful. People who are unemployed may feel depressed because they don't have anything to do.

Finally, going to work means you meet other people. Social contact is very important too. Having friends or learning how to get on with difficult colleagues can help us become better people.

Part 3

Listen to a description of one of the jobs in the pictures above. Which job is it about: a), b) or c)?

My job is exciting. Some people say it is stressful and it can be dangerous too, but that's exactly what I love about it. I don't like jobs where there is the same routine every day. I can work indoors and outdoors and I meet a lot of people. When you want to get the same job as mine, you have to have special qualifications and training. I have to be strong and fit too, and I know how to use a gun. I often use a car so a driving licence is necessary too.

Listening Activities (pp. 26-27)

The London Animal Hospital

Listen to the text and complete the statements 1-6 with one word from the text.

It's like any other hospital. It's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It has ambulances, nurses, and doctors. The only difference is that the patients are animals. Many animal owners are old and live alone. Their pets are important to them, but they cannot pay expensive vet bills. So the hospital helps them to keep the animals healthy. Nurses take special courses to take care of animals well. It isn't easy to put bandages on a rabbit's broken legs or bird's wing!

Animal Posters

Which of these posters best represents the text you heard?

Listen carefully and circle the correct answer a, b, or c.

People do not always look after their pets well. Especially at Christmas, they buy cats or dogs as 'cute presents' but they often get tired of their pets soon afterwards. They don't want to pay for pet medicine and don't like it when animals make a mess. Many people abandon their pets after Christmas.

Christmas Around the World

Listen to the texts 1-6 and write the numbers to each picture in the order you hear them.

1. In Italy, the Nativity scene is the centre piece of the decorations in most homes. On Christmas Eve, mum places a figure of baby Jesus in the manger while the whole family says a prayer.
2. The red-robed Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of children in the Netherlands. He fills their shoes with gifts on the night before 6 December. The sack of toys is heavy, so he has a helper called Black Pete.
3. During the nine days before Christmas, Mexicans act out Mary and Joseph's search for a room in Bethlehem. Kids love piñatas – a hanging colourful star or figure full of sweets and small gifts. They must hit and smash it in order to get the sweets.
4. Christmas celebrations start on 13 December in Sweden. It's Saint Lucy's Day. Girls wear white gowns. A woman elected to play Saint Lucy wears a lovely crown with candles. They sing carols.
5. No white Christmas – except on greeting cards. December is the height of summer and many families head for the beach. Luckily Santa Claus and his reindeer always find their way to hot Australia.
6. The Christmas icon in Norway is Julenissen. He's a short elf with a long white beard and a red hat. He delivers gifts to good children on Christmas Eve after the good Christmas dinner.

Welcome to Puzzling World

Listen to the text and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

One of the best of New Zealand's attractions is Puzzling World on the South Island. It's a unique park full of funny and strange attractions where even the toilets are funny. There's a hall full of large famous faces that look like they're watching you. There's a room where you feel like Alice in Wonderland because you become too big or too small. There's a tilted house [see the picture] where nothings stands up straight. There are many optical illusions, a maze, hologram shows, and other funny attractions for people of all ages.

What Do I Need at Work?

Listen to information about people's jobs. What do they need at work? Match the pictures a-e to each person.

1. David likes being outdoors so he really likes his job. He's a gardener. It's a seasonal job. It means that David has more to do from spring to autumn, and rests in the winter.
2. Timmy has always been interested in cars so it was easy for him to choose a job. He's a car mechanic and repairs cars. Sometimes it's difficult to find the problem but he doesn't stop until he finds it.
3. Monica never thought she could become a driver. And now she drives a school bus. She takes kids to school in the morning and back home in the afternoon.
4. Lucy likes doing other people's hair, so as a hairdresser, her job is her hobby. She likes talking to her clients, washing, drying, and combing but she works long hours so she's always very tired at the end of the day.
5. John's job is very nice – he helps sick animals. Most of them are cute but some are aggressive and they bite. John's always very sorry for his patients.

Let's Have a Party!

Listen to the conversation and check the foods they're going to have. They do NOT appear in the same order as in the text.

A: It's my birthday next week. Let's have a party on Saturday.

B: What a great idea. We could have some Chinese food. Chicken with noodles or tofu.

A: Er, you know... I don't like Chinese food very much. Do you mind ?

B: No, of course not. It's your birthday. What would you like to have? Some pizza or pasta?

A: And how about Mexican tortillas and tacos? You like Mexican food, too, don't you?

B: I love it. We can have a Mexican-themed party. We'll wear sombreros and have a piñata. And a lot of corn, baked beans and chili.

A: Great, let's send emails to friends to invite them.