

SOLUTIONS PRE-INTERMEDIATE 3
UNIT 5: AMBITION
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Reading

The worst jobs in the world?

I can understand a text about difficult jobs.

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1 Complete the collocations in the sentences. Use the words below.

an advertisement an application the day a degree
a job a job the job a team

- 1 My brother has left school and is looking for _____ . He'd like to work in a hotel.
- 2 I noticed _____ for an interesting job in the newspaper.
- 3 I sent in _____ for a holiday job at a fast-food restaurant.
- 4 They offered my mum _____ in a department store, but she decided not to take it.
- 5 My sister joined _____ of programmers who work on video games.
- 6 My brother has _____ in engineering from Cambridge University.
- 7 During the summer holidays I worked at a theme park and had _____ of selling ice cream.
- 8 Joe took _____ off work so that he could visit his mum, who is ill.

- 2 Look quickly at texts A–C. Match each text with the correct photo (1–3).

WOULD YOU WANT TO DO THIS?

- A** Jeff Haslam spends a lot of his time underground. He works in London's sewers – the tunnels under the roads that carry away waste water ... and other, much dirtier things! His job is to keep the sewers clear. 'We work in teams of six,' says Jeff. 'It's very dirty work. And of course we work in the dark.' He has to wear special clothes, a mask and a helmet with a light. 'The most difficult thing is clearing the fat and oil from the sewers under the Chinese and Indian restaurants,' he says. 'Last month we removed 1,000 tonnes of fat!'
- B** Many people like to work outdoors, but few would like Charlie Radley's job. Charlie lives in Alaska and works on a fishing boat. Each fishing trip lasts about a week. 'It's extremely cold and often stormy,' says Charlie, 'so we wear warm, waterproof clothes.' Charlie can earn a lot of money if they catch a lot of fish, but if they don't, he earns very little. 'I'll do this job for a year or two more,' says Charlie, 'then I'm going to look for another job – something warmer and drier!'
- C** Sandy Smith is a lumberjack – somebody who cuts down trees. Sandy noticed an advertisement for lumberjacks on the internet. Lumberjacks work long hours and are not very well paid, but as Sandy likes to work outdoors, she decided to apply for the job. 'It's a very dangerous job,' says Sandy. 'We work with big, dangerous machines, and we're always a long way from the nearest hospital – so I'm always very careful!'



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3 Read the Reading Strategy. Then complete the sentences with information from the text.

- 1 Jeff Haslam's job is to keep the _____ clear in London. [1 word]
- 2 Jeff has a _____ on his helmet because he works in the dark. (1 word)
- 3 Charlie Radley spends a week at a time on his _____ . (2 words)
- 4 Charlie wants to get a different _____ in the next year or two. (1 word)
- 5 Sandy Smith first found out about her job on _____ . (2 words)
- 6 Lumberjacks have to work _____ but do not earn a lot of money. (2 words)



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DOG WALKER



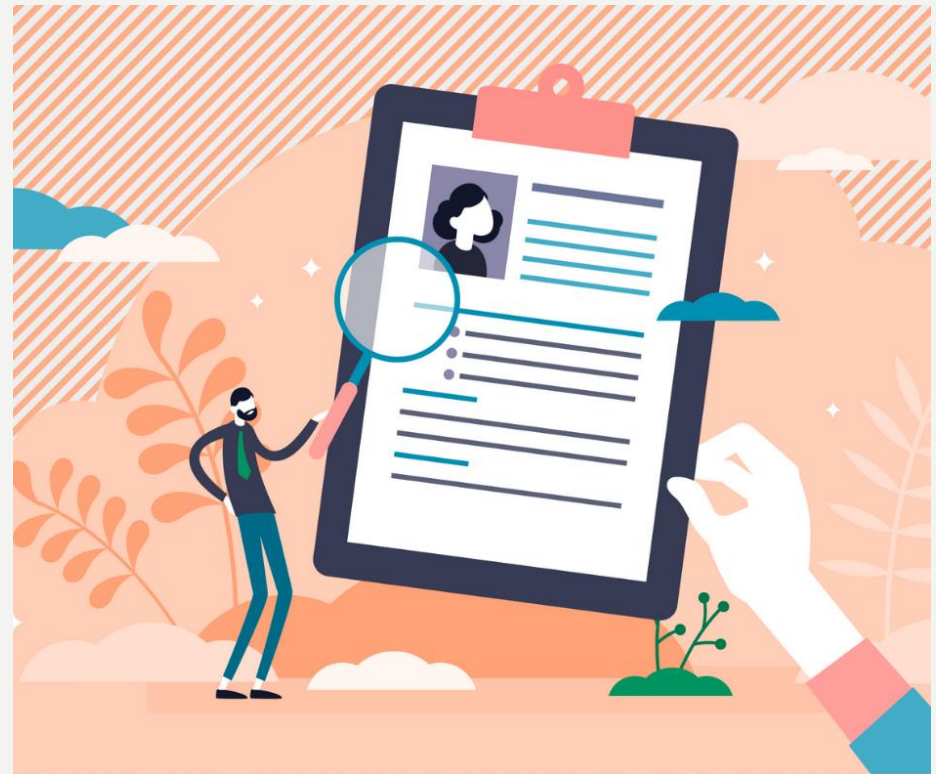


**HOW WOULD YOU
DESCRIBE THESE
JOBS?
ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN ANY
OF THEM?**



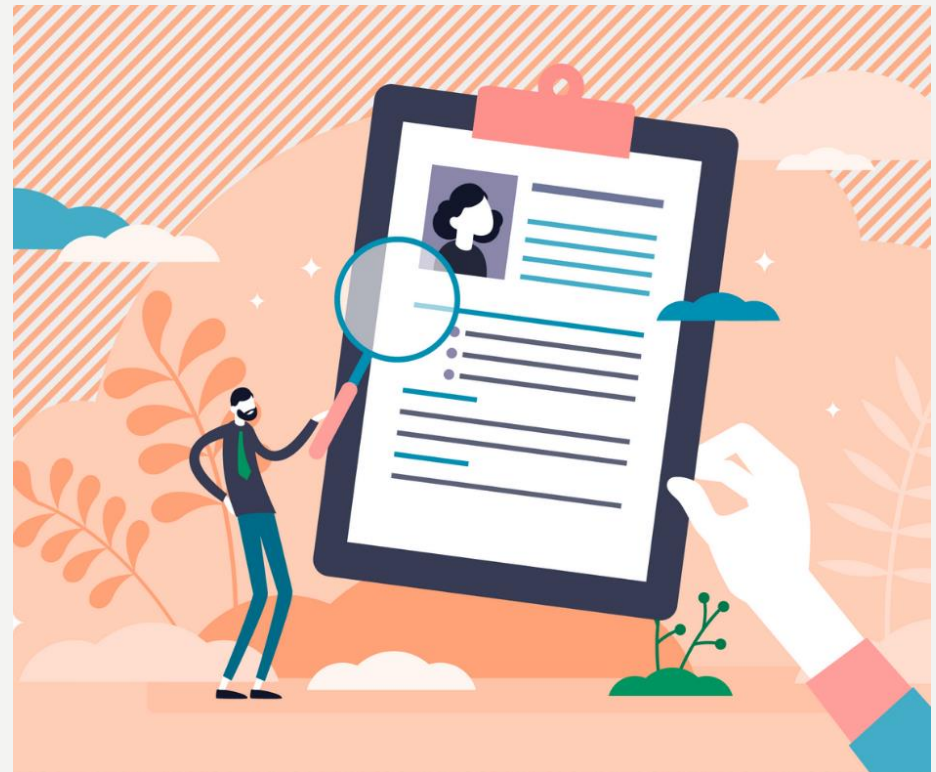
1 SPEAKING Look at the photos. What do you think these people's jobs are? Compare ideas in pairs.

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SEND IN AN APPLICATION FOR A JOB





FROSTY WINTER







DUVET

A soft quilt filled with down, feathers, or a synthetic fibre, used instead of an upper sheet and blankets.





TEXTILE

The *best* jobs in the world ... probably

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A

Back in 2012, Andrew Johnson was near the end of his History & Photography degree in Chicago. He planned to apply to film school after graduation, rather than look for a job. But then his dad noticed an advertisement for a job with toy manufacturer Lego. Andrew, who was already a Lego fan, sent in an application. It included a video of himself making models. The company loved it and invited him to take part in an unusual interview. He had to compete against seven other finalists in a model-building test. Andrew won, and as a result, they offered him a job: he joined the team at Legoland Discovery Centre in Illinois as a Master Model Builder. He meets visitors and helps to give them exciting new ideas. Perhaps one day he'll go to film school, but for now, he's happy. 'Lego was always just a hobby, but now I can do what I love and get paid for it,' said Andrew in an interview.

B

Do you find it difficult to get out of bed sometimes, especially on frosty winter mornings? Well, imagine having a job where you don't have to. Jo Unsworth works as a duvet tester for John Lewis, a British department store. She has the job of finding the most comfortable duvets in the world to sell in their shops. Jo has a degree in textiles, so she can recognise good quality. But the real test of a duvet is sleeping under it. 'It's probably the only career where it's OK to fall asleep while you're at work,' Jo says. She often can't believe how lucky she is to have her 'dream job'! What is more, she finds it rewarding: 'If I do my job properly, hundreds of other people sleep better. It's brilliant!'

C

Some film providers like Netflix employ people to watch new films and TV series from the comfort of their own home! Their job is to make a note of what type of film it is (horror, rom-com, etc.) and what age group and type of person might like it. The film provider can then recommend it to their members. Joe Mason finished his degree in film studies about two years ago and didn't know what to do next. Then he read an article about film taggers. 'It sounded like a fantastic job so I did some research online and wrote to Netflix,' said Joe. At first they weren't interested, but when Joe told them he speaks fluent French – his mum is French – they gave him a job. He watches French films and TV programmes. 'It's a great job because I can work when I want. I can take a day off if I like and work at the weekend instead.' The only problem with the job is that Joe can't choose what he wants to watch. 'Sometimes I have to watch 15 episodes of rubbish! But I shouldn't complain really.'

2 Look quickly at texts A–C opposite. Match each text with a photo from exercise 1 (1–3) and one of the titles below. There are two extra titles.

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| a Duvet tester | Photo ___ Text ___ |
| b Lego sculptor | Photo ___ Text ___ |
| c Costume designer | Photo ___ Text ___ |
| d Film tagger | Photo ___ Text ___ |
| e Special effects designer | Photo ___ Text ___ |

What does a professional gamer actually do? If you only play games now and then, you wouldn't make it very far. What distinguishes a professional gamer from a hobbyist is the amount of time spent repeating drills over and over until you're the fastest and the best. Whether it's running through a level or repeatedly playing against online competitors to see who captures the other team's base first, you often find yourself practicing six to eight hours a day to keep your reflexes in top condition.

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3 Read the **Reading Strategy**. Then look at the sentences in exercise 4 below. Find a synonym or paraphrase in the text for each underlined phrase in the sentences.

4 Complete the sentences with information from the text. Use your answers to exercise 3 to help you.

- 1 The Lego company was very keen on the _____ that Andrew Johnson sent with his job application. [1 word]
- 2 Andrew is happy to earn money for something that used to be a _____. [1 word]
- 3 Jo Unsworth has a job at a famous British _____ . [2 words]
- 4 Jo's university qualification helps her to identify _____ when she sees it. [2 words]
- 5 An advantage of the job is that Joe Mason can _____ when he wants. [1 word]
- 6 A disadvantage of the job is that Joe can't _____ what programmes to watch. [1 word]

5 **VOCABULARY** Complete the job-related collocations from the texts using the verbs below.

have have join look notice offer send take

Collocations: jobs

- 1 _____ for a job
- 2 _____ an advertisement
- 3 _____ in an application
- 4 _____ somebody a job
- 5 _____ a team
- 6 _____ the job of (doing something)
- 7 _____ a degree (in something)
- 8 _____ a day off

6 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Decide which of the three jobs looks a) most fun and b) most difficult. Explain your decision. Use the words below to help you, and your own ideas.

badly-paid creative challenging repetitive
rewarding stressful tiring varied well-paid

As I see it, the job of Lego sculptor would be quite repetitive.

I don't agree. I think ...

7 INTERNET RESEARCH Look at online job advertisements. What is the best job you can find? Explain why you think it is the best.

The best job is ... It's a great job because:

- it's challenging / rewarding / well-paid, etc.*
- it isn't ...*
- you can travel / work alone / work outside, etc.*
- you don't have to ...*

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