Advanced Listening



Jobs and Occupations

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Look at the Photos



Which jobs are shown?

Join your groups and talk about each job for a minute.





Listen

Ask your Ss to write the questions down. Then, play the audio.

Listen to eight people talking about their jobs.
Which job is each person talking about? How do you know?

	Job	Reason
Speaker 1		
Speaker 2		
Speaker 3		
Speaker 4		
Speaker 5		
Speaker 6		
Speaker 7		
Speaker 8		



Listen

Ask your Ss to write the questions down. Then, play the audio at least twice.

Listen to eight people talking about their jobs.
What does each person like and dislike about their job?
Why is the speaker doing each job?

	Likes	Dislikes	Reason for Choosing the Job
Speaker 1			
Speaker 2			
Speaker 3			
Speaker 4			
Speaker 5			
Speaker 6			
Speaker 7			
Speaker 8			

Join your groups

Work with a partner. Choose the three jobs which you think are most valuable, and the three least valuable. Give reasons.

airline pilot	astronomer	car mechanic
chef	computer programmer	dentist
English teacher	footballer	lawyer
newsreader	plastic surgeon	plumber
poet	politician	pop singer
refuse collector	soldier	stockbroker
vet	waiter	



Join your groups

Now work with a different partner. Compare your decisions.

airline pilot	astronomer	car mechanic
chef	computer programmer	dentist
English teacher	footballer	lawyer
newsreader	plastic surgeon	plumber
poet	politician	pop singer
refuse collector	soldier	stockbroker
vet	waiter	



Choose

The correct option.

Teach the new words by guiding your Ss through the activity.

Below are some job perks, a benefit you are given as part of a job, along with money.

This is a perk where employees receive discounts on products or services offered by their employer.

a. Professional Development
b. Employee Discounts
c. Retirement Benefits



Choose

The correct option.

Teach the new words by guiding your Ss through the activity.

This is a combination of vacation, sick, and personal days that employees can take off with pay.

a. Health Insurance
b. Paid Time Off (PTO)
c. Retirement Benefits



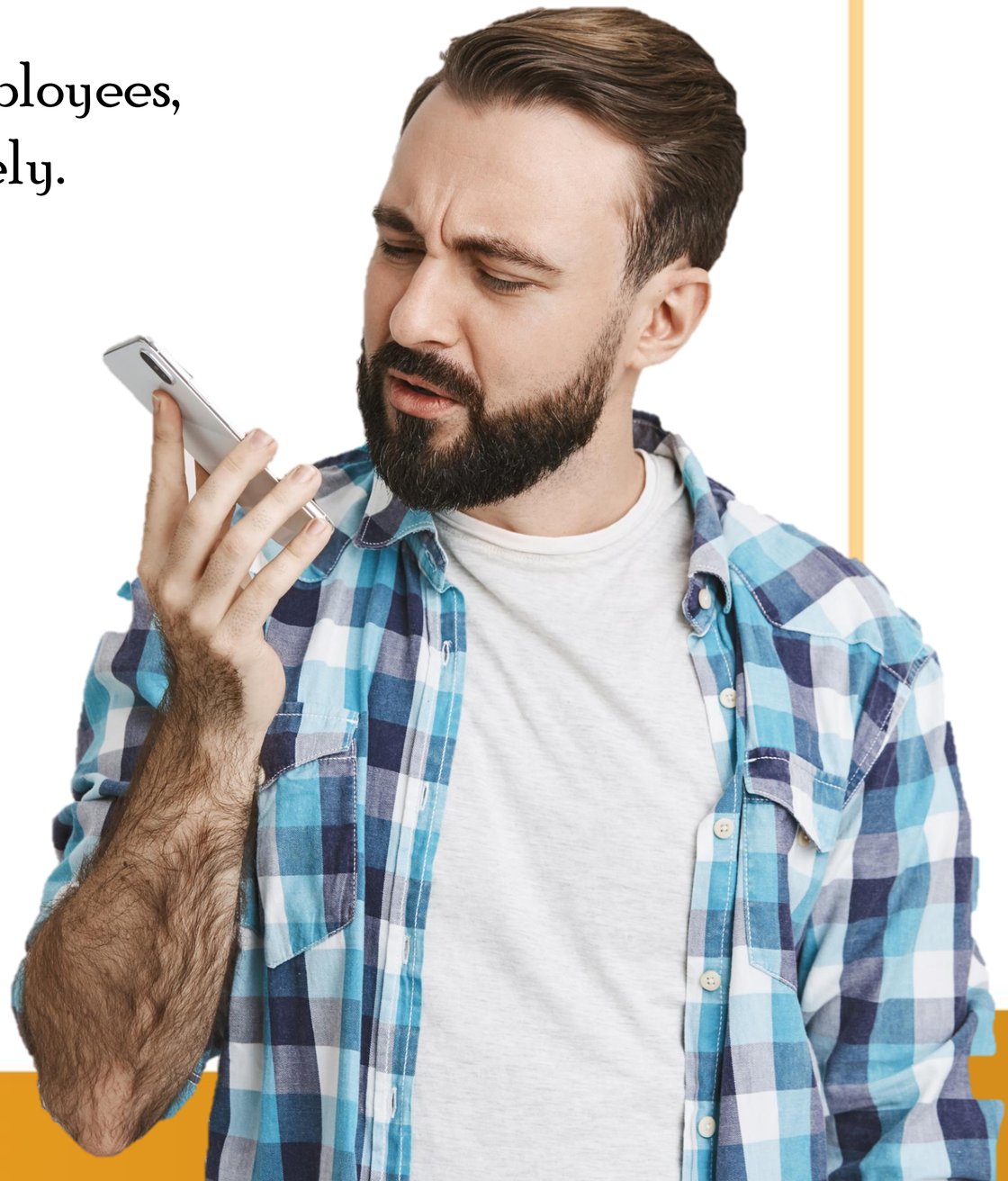
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The correct option.

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Some companies may offer this for their employees, allowing them to work from home or remotely.

a. Work-from-home option
b. Employee discounts
c. Wellness Programs



Choose

The correct option.

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Companies may offer this to employees to help pay for their medical, dental, and vision expenses.

a. Health Insurance
b. Paid Time Off (PTO)
c. Retirement Benefits



Choose

The correct option.

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This is a package of benefits such as a 401(k) plan or pension that an employer provides for their employees' future.

a. Health Insurance
b. Paid Time Off (PTO)
c. Retirement Benefits



Choose

The correct option.

Teach the new words by guiding your Ss through the activity.

This means you have control over your work and your schedule, without having to report to a supervisor.

a. Being your own boss
b. Pension
c. Company Car



Choose

The correct option.

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These are opportunities for employees to improve their skills and knowledge, such as training courses or conferences.

a. Professional Development
b. Health Insurance
c. Paid Time Off (PTO)



Choose

The correct option.

Teach the new words by guiding your Ss through the activity.

This is an opportunity for employees to travel for work, either domestically or internationally.

a. Being your own boss
b. Flexitime
c. Opportunity for travel



Choose

The correct option.

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These are programs that promote health and wellness for employees, such as gym memberships or healthy meal options.

a. Work-from-home option
b. Employee discounts
c. Wellness Programs



Choose

The correct option.

Teach the new words by guiding your Ss through the activity.

This is a package of benefits provided by an employer, designed to provide financial security in retirement.

a. Being your own boss
b. Pension
c. Company Car



Let's Talk



Which two options are the most important to you?
Which two are the least important?

Health Insurance Paid Time Off (PTO) Retirement Benefits
Work-from-home Option Employee Discounts
Wellness Programs Professional Development Pension
Flextime Opportunity for Travel Being your own boss

Join your groups and discuss.

Let's Talk

Join your groups and talk about each question.

1. Should companies provide unlimited vacation time as a job perk?

2. Is it fair for companies to offer health insurance to some employees but not all, such as only offering it to full-time workers and not part-time employees?

3. Are unlimited sick days a good or bad perk for employees and companies?

4. Should companies provide free or subsidized meals as a job perk?



5. Is it acceptable for companies to offer nap rooms or meditation rooms as a job perk, or is this just a waste of resources?

Analyze the Audio

Speaker 1: When I was at school, I decided I definitely wanted a career and I thought about what I could do working with other people. I got a part-time job in a salon, and it was only until I got an apprenticeship that I really thought this is what I want to do. I love the work because you meet different people every day. You can be creative, which is important to me. If there is any downside, it's that you're on your feet all day, but at the end of the day, it's something I really love doing.



Analyze the Audio

Speaker 2: Well this job found me, really. A friend recommended me and so I did a job for someone and it seemed to work out OK. I never fancied doing a run-of-the-mill job, nine-to-five, and I quite like the secrecy of what I'm doing now. There is a lot of boring paper work – it's not as dramatic as you see in the films – but the best part is when I'm out on the street. I'm a private man by nature, so it sort of suits me.



Analyze the Audio

Speaker 3: Initially, I wanted to be an actor and then I realised, eventually, that wasn't going to happen. I've always been sporty and I used to go to judo class every week, and then got more and more interested, and sort of started going more often. It was my teacher who sort of suggested I get into it. So he introduced me to someone, and I've been on film sets ever since, really. There's a lot of travel, which sometimes gets me down, but I do get to meet famous people – including the ones I'm supposed to be.



Analyze the Audio

Speaker 4: I got into it by accident really. I needed extra money, and I've always liked, you know, the outdoors and getting out and all that sort of thing, so I just decided to give it a try and keep on going. It's not been bad – lucrative even. You get the cash straight in your hand when you've finished. And it's hard work. It's harder work than you imagine, especially when you're out in the cold. The nice thing is the satisfaction on people's faces, looking at people's faces afterwards when they realise they can actually see outside again.



Analyze the Audio

Speaker 5: I'd always been interested in fitness. I was, actually, a gym champion when I was young. Then I decided what to do when I grew up and, yeah, it was, it was a really good choice in the end because what I really like is helping other people get fit, and to actually bring out the best in them. I can advise them what to do and what not to do, what's best for their muscles and, yeah, it's really worthwhile.



Analyze the Audio

Speaker 6: First of all, well, I did an English degree and then I didn't know what to do really, after that. I wanted to get out and, you know, do a job where you sort of meet a lot of people and so I fell into it, really. It's great, you know, because you meet a lot of interesting people. What I really like about it is you're always breaking a story, so whatever you get involved in is, you know, always going to be interesting. I suppose the thing I don't like is the public's perception of us as being like the paparazzi, never reporting the truth, always up to no good. But I think we do a very important job. If someone's famous, then it's in the public interest to sort of find out as much as possible about them, you know, and that's what I do.



Analyze the Audio

Speaker 7: I think it was clear to my family what I was going to be from an early age. I'm the eldest of five and my brothers and sisters always came to me for advice, and in the end, actually, my mother used to come to me for advice, or she'd talk things over, or as a family, we liked to try and find out why things happened as they did. I didn't really learn anything about it at school, but as part of biology, we did look at the way people behaved and why they do what they do. It was a long training, but something that's absolutely worthwhile. My belief and commitment in people, I suppose, is what made me choose this career. If there's anything I find disappointing, it's that if I've helped someone, I can't necessarily see the changes in their everyday lives.



Analyze the Audio

Speaker 8: Yes, I was an only child, no brothers or sisters. My mother left my father when I was about seven so every holiday, I went to be with my father. I used to follow him everywhere and his job was a sports commentator. He travelled all over the place, following the races, and I went with him. It must have had a huge effect on me. I met all the famous drivers and the smell of the track, the noise from the cars and everything was a very powerful thing that led me into this profession. Now I'm actually doing it myself, I feel under pressure. I don't see enough of my own family, I'm travelling all over the world. So it's not the dream I thought it would be.

