

16A *The ideal job*

Activity 1

- A** A: What would you like about each job? What would you dislike?
B: I'd like to work in a restaurant.
A: Really? I wouldn't like being a waiter, but I think I'd enjoy being a taxi driver.

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- B** A: Who typically does these jobs in your culture?
B: In my culture, bank tellers, bus drivers, and chefs are either men or women, but construction workers are almost always men.
A: Really? Flight attendants and nurses are usually women in my culture, but pilots, police officers, and politicians are usually men.

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- C** A: What other jobs do women in your culture typically do?
B: Women often work in stores as salesclerks and in restaurants as waitresses.
C: What other jobs do men in your culture typically do?
D: Many men in my culture are engineers and lawyers.
A: Why do you think more men or women have these jobs?
B: There is no good reason. Men have more opportunities than women in my culture.
C: Do you know any men or women doing non-traditional jobs? What challenges do they face?
D: I have a cousin who's a male nurse. He's definitely in a minority. People always assume he's a doctor.

Activity 2

- B** A: What challenges do you think they face?
B: A park ranger has to work long hours outside and deal with a lot of questions.
A: That doesn't sound too challenging. How about the personal chef? I guess cooking food that everyone likes would be challenging.

Activity 3

- A** A: Can you think of jobs for each category?
B: Jobs that can be dangerous are firefighters, soldiers, police officers, and miners.
A: OK. Jobs that use a foreign language are language teachers and interpreters.

Activity 3

- B** A: Which job in each category in part A would you be good at? Which wouldn't you be good at?
B: I'd be good at being a businessperson because I'm good at solving problems.
A: I wouldn't be good at any analytical job because I'm terrible at numbers.

Activity 3

- D** A: Which jobs would you recommend for the others in your group?
B: You're very good at delegating tasks and solving problems. You'd be a good business executive.
C: Thank you. I hadn't thought of that.
D: You're very good at communicating ideas. You could be a teacher.
A: Yes, I'm interested in being a teacher.
B: What jobs would you definitely not recommend?
C: I wouldn't recommend being a flight attendant. The hours are long, and you're away from home most of the time.
D: What would your ideal job be? Describe it.
A: My ideal job is one where I could work independently. Maybe I could be a researcher.
B: Who do you think has the best job in the world?
C: I have no idea. But I think people who follow their passion and believe in what they do for a living are lucky.

16B *Getting a job*

Activity 1

- A** A: Which job interests you the most?
B: The activity organizer job interests me the most because it's temporary and is overseas.
A: Which job are you the most qualified for?
B: I'm most qualified for the coffee-house server job because I worked in a restaurant for two years.
A: I'm interested in the retail clerk position because I love fashion. Unfortunately, I have no previous experience, so I wouldn't be qualified.
B: What else would you like to know about the job?
A: I'd like to know how much each job pays.
B: Do you have a job now? What do you like about it? What don't you like?
A: I have a part-time job in a restaurant at the moment. I really like the people I work with, but I don't like the long hours. I can't go home until the last customer leaves. Sometimes I don't get home until after midnight.

Activity 1

- B** A: Let's read these tips. Which ones do you think are the most important?
B: I think "Research the company beforehand" is the most important tip because otherwise you won't know if it's the right company for you.
A: Are there any tips you disagree with?
B: No, I think I agree with all of them. What other tips can you suggest?
A: I think it's important to shake hands with anyone you meet at the company.
B: Have you ever interviewed for a job? Describe the experience.
A: I interviewed for a part-time job at a movie theater once. They must have really needed someone because they hired me and I started to work on the same day as the interview.

Activity 2

- A** A: Who do you think will make the better first impression?
B: I think Vanessa will because she looks more confident.
A: I agree. Jeremy looks kind of nervous.

Activity 2

- D** A: What did Vanessa do well in her interview? What didn't she do well?
B: She dressed for success, but she didn't prepare a list of questions to ask.
C: What did Jeremy do well in his interview? What didn't he do well?
A: He prepared a list of questions to ask, but he didn't arrive early for the interview.
B: Did any of their answers surprise you? Which ones?
D: I was surprised that Vanessa said she had the perfect personality for the job. No one's perfect!
A: Who do you think is the better candidate for the job?
B: I think Vanessa is the better candidate because she's more outgoing.
C: Really? I think Jeremy is the better candidate because he's serious and more mature than Vanessa.
D: If you were the interviewer, what additional questions would you ask?
B: I'd ask if they had a passport and were able to travel to Australia at short notice.
C: Good question. They also might need to have a medical examination.