# 2 Career moves

# **SNAPSHOT**

# **Best Jobs Based on Personality Types**

Artistic types like working with designs and patterns.

Clothing designer Architect

Investigative types like figuring out problems.

Veterinarian Pharmacist Conventional types like following instructions and routines.

Air traffic controller Accountant

Realistic types like working outside or with real-world materials.

Restaurant cook Bus driver Enterprising types like leading people and making decisions.

Flight attendant Lawyer

**Social types** like working with other people.

High school coach Child-care worker

Source: Best Jobs for the 21st Century

Can you think of two other jobs for each category? Compare your ideas with the class. What personality type do you think you are? Would you want to do the jobs listed under your personality type?

# 2 PERSPECTIVES Career debate

- "Designing clothes is not a man's job. Women are much more fascinated by fashion."
- "Not so! Many great clothing designers are men. Just look at Calvin Klein!"
- 44 would love to fly all the time. Being a flight attendant sounds exciting.
- 441 don't think so. Flight attendants get tired of traveling. They have to be away from their families all the time."

- 44 don't agree! Finding out about famous people's lives could be really fun.
- 441'd enjoy working with animals. I think being a veterinarian would be rewarding."
- can be very unpredictable.
  Getting bitten by a dog
  would be scary!"

B Compare your responses with your classmates.

#### Gerund phrases 🌘

#### Gerund phrases as subjects

Designing clothes is not a man's job.

Being a flight attendant sounds exciting.

Writing a gossip column could be fun.

Directing a TV show would be interesting.

#### Gerund phrases as objects

He wouldn't like being a fashion designer. He'd enjoy being a flight attendant. She'd be good at writing a gossip column. They'd love directing a TV show.

A Look at the gerund phrases in column A. Write your opinion of each job by choosing information from columns B and C. Then add two more gerund phrases and write similar sentences.

$\boldsymbol{A}$		B	C
2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	working as an architect taking care of children winning the lottery conducting an orchestra working on a movie set making a living as an artist writing for a newspaper retiring at age 40	is seems sounds must be could be would be	awful scary fantastic fascinating pretty difficult kind of boring really rewarding very challenging

1. Working as an architect would be really rewarding.

B Pair work Give reasons for your opinions about the jobs in part A.

A: In my opinion, working as an architect would be really rewarding.

B: Really? Why is that?

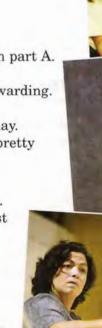
A: Because you could see people using your buildings every day.

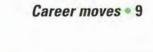
B: I'm not so sure. For me, working as an architect must be pretty difficult, because . . .

**C** Group work Complete the sentences with gerund phrases. Then take turns reading your sentences. Share the three most interesting sentences with the class.

- 1. I think I'd be good at . . .
- 2. I wouldn't be very good at . . .
- 3. I'd be interested in . . .
- 4. I'd get tired of . . .
- 5. I'm very excited by . . .
- 6. I'd enjoy . . .

"I think I'd be good at figuring out problems."







### **WORD POWER Suffixes**

Add the suffixes -er, -or, -ist, or -ian to form the names of these jobs. Write the words in the chart and add one more example to each column.

aerobics instruct or	counsel gossip column	politic psychiatr	TV report Web design	
-er	-or	-ist	-ian	
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B Pair work Can you give a definition for each job?

"An aerobics instructor is someone who teaches people how to do aerobic exercise."

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#### **SPEAKING** Unusual careers

Group work Talk about an unusual career you would like to have. Use information from Exercises 1–4 and your own ideas. Other students ask follow-up questions.

- A: I'd enjoy doing TV interviews with famous people.
- B: Why is that?
- A: Asking people about their lives would be fascinating.
- C: Who would you interview?
- A: Well, I think I'd be good at talking to politicians.



"I'd be interested in interviewing Arnold Schwarzenegger."

## 6

### WRITING Describing pros and cons

A Choose a job and make a list of its advantages. Then use the list to write a paragraph about the job. Add a title.

Being a comedian: It's fun to be funny

Working as a comedian seems exciting. First of all,

making people laugh would be a lot of fun, because you'd

be laughing all the time, too. In addition, . . .

### useful expressions

First of all, . . .
In addition, . . .
Further, . . .
On the other hand, . . .
For example, . . .

- B Pair work Read your partner's paragraph. Then write a paragraph about the disadvantages of your partner's job. Add a title.
- C Pair work Read your partner's paragraph about your job's disadvantages. Do you agree or disagree?

### **CONVERSATION** You get a great tan!

#### A Listen and practice.

Tracy: Guess what . . . I've found a summer job!

Mark: That's great! Anything interesting? Tracy: Yes, working at an amusement park.

Mark: Wow, that sounds fantastic! Tracy: So, have you found anything?

Mark: Nothing yet, but I have a couple of leads. One is working as an intern for a record company - mostly answering phones. Or I can get a landscaping job again.

Tracy: Being an intern sounds more interesting than landscaping. You'd have better hours, and it's probably not as much work.

Mark: Yeah, but a landscaper earns more than an intern. And you get a great tan!

Listen to the rest of the conversation. What is Tracy going to do at the amusement park?



### GRAMMAR FOCUS

#### Comparisons 0

### with adjectives

... is more interesting than ...

... is less interesting than ... ... is harder than ...

... is not as hard as ...

#### with nouns

... has better/worse hours than ... is better paid than ... ... isn't as much work as ...

... has more education than ...

#### with verbs

... earns more than ...

... earns less than ...

... earns as much as ...

... doesn't earn as much as ...

#### with past participles

... isn't as well paid as ....

... is better educated than ...

A Complete the sentences using the words in parentheses. Compare with a partner. (More than one answer is possible.)

2. A secret agent ...... a police officer. (travel)

3. An air traffic controller's job ...... a TV director's job. (artistic)

4. Landscapers ...... veterinarians. (education)

5. Working as a comedian ..... being a public speaker. (hard)

6. Aerobics instructors ...... soccer coaches. (earn)

B Group work Think of one more comparison for each pair of jobs in part A.

"An interior decorator doesn't work as late as a fashion designer."

# 9

### **PRONUNCIATION** Stress with compound nouns

A Disten and practice. Notice that the first word in these compound nouns has more stress. Then add two more compound nouns to the chart.

bus driver taxi driver

gossip columnist newspaper reporter

choir director orchestra conductor

**Group work** Which job in each column would be more interesting? Why? Tell the group. Pay attention to stress.

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### LISTENING Summer jobs

A Distento Carlos, Paul, and Julia talk about their summer jobs. Where does each person work? Write the name under each picture.







1. ..

2.

3.

B Disten again. Do they like their jobs? Why or why not?

## 1

#### **ROLE PLAY** Pros and cons

A Group work Each person chooses a job from the unit. Role-play a discussion using the job criteria in the box. Explain why your job is the worst!

- A: I'm a teacher, and my salary is terrible!
- B: I'm a doctor. I have a higher salary than a teacher, but a teacher has better hours.
- C: Well, I'm a taxi driver. My hours aren't as bad as a doctor's, but . . .
- B Group work Who has the worst job? Why? Tell the class.

#### job criteria

job security level of difficulty level of interest salary working conditions working hours

### 12 INTERCHANGE 2 The dinner party

Would you be a good party planner? Go to Interchange 2 at the back of the book.

# Strategies for Keeping Your Job

Make a list of things you think people do to stand out at their company. Then scan the article to see if any of the strategies match the things you came up with.

After working six years at a company, Bob Congers lost his job. He hadn't done anything wrong. On the contrary, he was a good worker, but his company was cutting its workforce.

Workforce cutbacks are common in today's economy. So how can you distinguish yourself and avoid losing your job? Career experts have developed these strategies for holding on to a job:

Being a good worker is sometimes less important than making sure that people know you're a good worker. Volunteer for new responsibilities, push your ideas, and make sure everyone knows you.

Learn everything that could help you do your job better. If the

company buys computers, learn how to use them. If learning more about marketing could help you, take a short course.

Make sure you know about changes and new directions in the company. If you find out that sales is becoming the most important department, try making a move to sales.

People who find things to complain about are a lot less popular than people who find things to praise. Having a good attitude is important.

Having good ideas isn't always enough. You need to be able to communicate them. Find ways to improve your speaking and writing skills.



You can make a positive impact on your boss by arriving early and working late. And you should always dress in a businesslike way, even if others dress casually.

In the end, it all comes down to one basic strategy: Make yourself so valuable that the company won't want to lose you.

A Read the article. These headings are missing from the text. Add the correct heading to each strategy in the article.

Be positive. Express yourself well. Impress your superiors. Make yourself noticeable. Keep up-to-date. Take classes.

**B** Check ( ) the name of the employee that fits each description. Then underline the information in the article that helped you decide the answer.

- 1. Whose job is least likely to be cut?
  - Anne's. She brings problems to her boss's attention.
  - Beth's. She always finds something good to say.
  - Carol's. She keeps her opinions to herself.
- 2. Whose job is most likely to be cut?
  - Charles's. He takes on different responsibilities.
  - Bill's. He spends time training in new areas.
  - Alex's. He arrives on time every day.

**C** Group work Which strategies do you think are the most useful for keeping a job? Can you think of other strategies?