

Career choices

Task 1. Complete the sentences with the words below.

challenging	<i>demanding</i>	repetitive	interesting	creative
patient	tiring	rewarding	stressful	

- a. Working as a flight attendant is extremely (1)_____. You need to be focused and (2) _____ all the time and you often spend a long time away from home.
- b. My work as a politician is difficult but very (3) _____ and that's why I like it. I always wanted a (4) _____ job because I think I would get bored if it wasn't.
- c. Working as a builder can be (5)_____ because it's a physical job. I work hard outdoors all day and I sleep very well at night!
- d. I like my job as a receptionist because I meet lots of interesting people. However, it can be rather (6)_____ because I do the same things all day, every day.
- e. The best thing about being a teacher is that the job is very (7) _____. I get a lot of satisfaction from knowing that I'm helping young people learn.
- f. I'm a doctor and my job is very (8) _____. It can be hard to relax after a hard day at work in the hospital.
- g. I'm an artist and in my job it's important to be (9) _____ because I need to use original ideas all the time.

Task 2. Complete the names of jobs with the missing letters.

1. "Some people think it's an unimportant job, but in my case it's just the opposite – it seems I'm responsible for everything – phone calls, emails, my boss's coffee and even Christmas presents for his wife ..."

(s_____)

2. "I've always been good at numbers, but it is not what people think: it's not that you only have to count in this job. Calculators and computers count, but we use intelligence to make good business decisions."

(a _____)

3. "I make people happy in my job. My clients are usually women. I make their skin look younger and healthier. I also paint their nails and put their make-up on before a special occasion like a wedding or New Year's Eve party."

(b _____)

4. "I need to make a good first impression, because I'm the first person the customers see when they enter the hotel. I greet the customers, answer phone calls and emails, do the paperwork and accept the payments."

(r _____)

5. "People call me or visit my office when they want to buy, sell or rent a flat, a house or a piece of land. I help them find the best offer and negotiate the price. I don't have many clients in a month, but when I sell or buy a house for someone, I earn a lot."

(e _____ a _____)

6. "My job is very stressful. I often go to conferences and have to speak in front of a lot of people. I change a person's words from one language into another when they speak. I never do it in writing because I think that's boring."

(i _____)

7. "I can work for a newspaper, a magazine, television or radio. I like my job because every day is different. I usually go to places where something interesting is happening and then write a news report. This means I have to travel a lot to collect information and then I work from home when I write."

(j _____)

8. "Summer is a busy time for me. I work ten hours a day, seven days a week when it's warm and sunny. I spend the whole day at the beach and can sunbathe, which is great! But I can't fall asleep because I'm responsible for the lives of all the people swimming and playing in the water."

(l _____)

ANSWER KEY

Task 1.

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| 1. demanding | 2. patient | 3. interesting |
| 4. challenging | 5. tiring | 6. repetitive |
| 7. rewarding | 8. stressful | 9. creative |

Task 2.

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| 1. secretary | 2. accountant | 3. beautician | 4. receptionist |
| 5. estate agent | 6. interpreter | 7. journalist | 8. lifeguard |

WORDLIST

Word	Pronunciation	Meaning
Beautician (n)	/bju:'tʃɪn/	Chuyên viên làm đẹp
Client (n)	/'klaɪənt/	Khách hàng
Demanding (adj)	/dɪ'mɑ:ndɪŋ/	Yêu cầu cao, đòi hỏi cao
Estate agent (n)	/ɪ'steɪt eɪdʒənt/	Người môi giới nhà đất
Journalist (n)	/'dʒɜ:nəlɪst/	Phóng viên, nhà báo
Interpreter (n)	/ɪn'tɜ:prətə(r)/	Phiên dịch viên
Lifeguard (adj)	/'laɪfgɑ:d/	Nhân viên cứu hộ
Original (adj)	/ə'ɹɪdʒənəl/	Độc đáo, sáng tạo
Rewarding (adj)	/rɪ'wɔ:dɪŋ/	Bổ ích, đáng làm