**Career choices**

**Task 1. Complete the sentences with the words below.**

| **challenging** | *demanding* | **repetitive** | interesting | **creative** |
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| 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 ...”

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**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.”

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**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.”

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**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.”

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**ANSWER KEY**

**Task 1.**

1. demanding 2. patient 3. interesting

4. challenging 5. tiring 6. repetitive

7. rewarding 8. stressful 9. creative

**Task 2.**

1. secretary 2. accountant 3. beautician 4. receptionist

5. estate agent 6. interpreter 7. journalist 8. lifeguard

**WORDLIST**

| **Word** | **Pronunciation** | **Meaning** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Beautician (n) | /bjuːˈtɪʃn/ | Chuyên viên làm đẹp |
| Client (n) | /ˈklaɪənt/ | Khách hàng |
| Demanding (adj) | /dɪˈmɑːndɪŋ/ | Yêu cầu cao, đòi hỏi cao |
| Estate agent (n) | /ɪˈsteɪt eɪdʒənt/ | Người môi giới nhà đất |
| Journalist (n) | /ˈdʒɜːnəlɪst/ | Phóng viên, nhà báo |
| Interpreter (n) | /ɪnˈtɜːprətə(r)/ | Phiên dịch viên |
| Lifeguard (adj) | /ˈlaɪfɡɑːd/ | Nhân viên cứu hộ |
| Original (adj) | /əˈrɪdʒənl/ | Độc đáo, sáng tạo |
| Rewarding (adj) | /rɪˈwɔːdɪŋ/ | Bổ ích, đáng làm |