



Occupations

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

medical technician	A person who does work in a hospital.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Do you know a good medical technician that I could consult with?</i>

pregnant	Having a baby growing inside one's body.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: You can clearly see that she is pregnant.</i>

pursue	To continue or proceed with doing something.
[verb]	<i>Ex: She is explaining what marketing strategy the company will pursue.</i>

business administration	The act of running a business, or the study of how to do this.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I think business administration suits you best.</i>

nursing	The job of looking after people who are sick, injured, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I'm thinking of studying nursing after I finish high school.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Lea: Good afternoon, Mr. Wolt. First, I would like to thank you for giving us time for this interview.

Mr. Wolt: It's my pleasure. What is your name?

Lea: Lea Smith, sir. Our topic is about occupations and tasks. What are the basic tasks of a businessman?

Mr. Wolt: Different businessmen can have different objectives. In my case, I focus on marketing and trading.

Lea: What is it exactly that you do, sir?

Mr. Wolt: Well, I find new ways to promote my company's products to our target market.

Lea: How about your parents? If you don't mind me asking, what do they do?

Mr. Wolt: My parents are both in the medical field. My father is a medical technician.



Lea: Wow! Can you tell me more about his job?

Mr. Wolt: He is a medical laboratory scientist, who analyzes and tests body fluids and tissues.

Lea: What about your mother, sir?

Mr. Wolt: My mother is an obstetrician and gynecologist. She works with a lot of pregnant women.

Lea: So, you come from a family of doctors. I wonder why you didn't pursue a medical career.

Mr. Wolt: Honestly, I took a nursing course when I was in college, and I realized it was not my thing.

Lea: Understandable, you wanted to have your own path, I guess.

Mr. Wolt: That's true. Because of this, I pursued a career in business administration.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

Nursing

pursue

business administration

medical technician

pregnant

1. He holds a master's degree in _____.
2. I don't know if I can still _____ my dream of becoming a novelist.
3. _____ can be a very tiring occupation.
4. I just found out that I am _____. My husband is going to be happy!
5. My uncle is a _____. He works in a hospital.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You are a reporter for a business magazine. Ask John, a successful businessperson, questions about his career. The teacher can be John.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. What is your dream career? Why does this career appeal to you?
2. Were you influenced by your parents when choosing an occupation, or have you chosen your own path?
3. What do you think is the highest paying occupation? Why do you think so?
4. What factors should one consider when choosing an occupation? Why?
5. What do you think about your current job? Please share your opinion.