

Level: Upper-Intermediate
Theme: Work and Jobs

**Lesson: The best job in the world** 

# Read and rank these 8 jobs

## 1. Submarine cook

The pay is good, as is the social life, but this probably isn't a good job if you get claustrophobic. You have to live and work in a pressurised steel tube deep under the sea, preparing three meals a day for up to 58 people and you only stop every three weeks or so.

#### 2. Lion trainer

When lions are brought up in captivity, it is possible to train them to be tolerant of humans. This is a big advantage to those in zoos and wildlife parks as they can approach the lions without fear of danger. In order to achieve this sort of friendship between human and lion, the tamer has to look after the lion from an early age.

## 3. Lego sculptor

Lego employs people on a full-time basis to create and build sculptures out of Lego. The finished work is used at the various Legoland theme parks and to promote the Lego brand in shops and exhibitions. Competition for the post is fierce as there are only about 30 professional Lego sculptors in the world!

#### 4. Chocolate taster

Yes! This job really does exist. Most of the big chocolate manufacturers employ a chocolate taster to ensure the quality of their products. The benefits are obvious, but the downside? You need to watch your weight.

## 5. Fighter pilot

The selection process is tough and the training is expensive and demanding, but once you are qualified, you get to live every little boy's dream job – you fly some of the most up-to-date airplanes in the world. On the downside, you might have to take part in a military conflict and even if you don't, the job has obvious dangers.

## 6. Personal shopper

If you love shopping, this could be your perfect job. You get to spend the day choosing clothes for other people and advising them on what suits them best. Most department stores now have a personal shopper for customers with plenty of cash, but who don't know what to spend it on.

## 7. Bed tester

Big British hotel chain, Premier Inn, has a professional bed tester who is employed to test how comfortable each bed is. The chain promises customers a good night's sleep or their money back, so it is important that each bed is up to standard. The chain has 46,000 beds and the tester spends about 20 minutes on each one.

## 8. Celebrity

You have a great salary, clothes designers let you wear their clothes for free and you get to spend time with the rich and famous. It sounds great, but on the negative side, if you go to the supermarket with your hair in a mess, everyone will know about it. Could you put up with it?