

2 Career moves

Preview

1 CULTURE

Choosing a career can be difficult if you're not sure what job is best for you. Experts suggest the following to help you make a decision:

- Take a career assessment test to find out what professions are a good match for you.
- Look at your educational and work achievements to determine your strengths and weaknesses.
- Think about your hobbies and free-time activities, and what they say about your interests, abilities, and values.
- Talk with a friend or family member who is a good listener, or consult with a career counselor.



Talk about your career plans. Which skills and abilities would you use in this future career? How is this type of work related to what you want to accomplish in life? How sure are you of your current career choice?

2 VOCABULARY *Attributes at work*

A Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

creative collaborative ✓ independent physical practical precise

1. My brother is very *independent*, so he prefers to work by himself.
2. My friend Elena is a graphic designer, which lets her use her imagination and be
3. My boss comes up with the big ideas, but I enjoy planning out the details.
4. Building a house requires strength and stamina.
5. The best part of working in a team is the process of making decisions together.
6. In finance, it's important to be and not make mistakes!

B PAIR WORK Describe yourself or someone you know well. Your partner describes the person's personality using one of the words from the box.

A: My friend makes a list of all the things he has to do each day.

B: He sounds like a practical person.

3 GUESS THE STORY

Watch the first minute of the video with the sound off.
Answer these questions.

1. Where is the conversation taking place?
2. Who do you think the man and woman are?
3. What do you think they are discussing?



Watch the video

4 GET THE PICTURE

A Look at your answers to Exercise 3. Did you guess correctly?

B What personality type did Ms. Auden think would be best suited to the jobs below?
Write the correct word under each picture. Then compare with a partner.



1

librarian



2

repair person



3

teacher



4

lawyer

5 MAKING INFERENCES

Which statements are probably true? Which are probably false?
Check (✓) your answers. Then compare with a partner.

	True	False
1. A conventional type would make a good actor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Good waiters are often social types.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. An enterprising type would not work for other people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Most accountants are artistic types.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Someone who runs his or her own business is an investigative type.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Mechanics are often realistic types.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Studying animals in the wild would appeal to some investigative types.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6 WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

A Read the description of each person's personality type below. Then write notes in the chart about which job at an advertising agency you think the person would enjoy, if any. Be sure to give reasons.

	Manager	Ad designer	Accountant
1. Bernie is a conventional type.	No; prefers to follow rules and procedures	No; doesn't enjoy creative things as much	Yes; likes details
2. Fatima is an enterprising type.			
3. Yoko is an investigative type.			
4. Carlos is an artistic type.			

B GROUP WORK Compare your answers with your group. Come up with one other job at the agency that would suit each person.

Follow-up

7 ARE THEY DOING THE RIGHT JOBS?

A Write the names of three people you know well. Tell what job each one does. Then describe each worker's personality type and explain why his or her job is right for them.



Name	Job	Personality type
My brother	Manager of a men's clothing store	Conventional; good for him because he likes people and he's organized
1.		
2.		
3.		

B PAIR WORK Take turns describing each person you wrote about to your partner. Answer any questions your partner may have.

Language close-up

8 WHAT DID THEY SAY?

Watch the video and complete the conversation. Then practice it.

Jacquelyn Auden talks with Jamie about personality types.

Ms. Auden: There are six personality types: ,
conventional, enterprising, investigative, realistic, and
The type is artistic. These are
..... and imaginative, and they to work
on one at a time, rather than multi-tasking.

Jamie: What should artistic pursue?

Ms. Auden: The most thing for type of people
is being in of a project. So,
..... to consider are landscaping, graphic , web design.

Jamie: I The personality type is conventional.
Tell us that one.

Ms. Auden: Yes. Conventional types are and orderly. They
well to rules, , schedules, like that.



9 GERUNDS AS SUBJECTS AND OBJECTS *Describing a job*

A Complete the sentences about a job using the gerund forms of the words and phrases in the box. Then guess the job described.

encourage
improve their skills

organize the game schedule
stay in shape

work on weekends
✓ work with children

- I enjoy working with children ; it helps me feel young.
- is easy with all the running around
I have to do.
- I don't always enjoy ,
but that's when our games are held.
- At the end of the season, we have a big tournament, so I spend a lot of time
..... for that event.
- I help players concentrate on
- weaker players helps the whole
team improve.

Job described:

B PAIR WORK Choose a job and describe your duties. Can your partner guess your job?