

OPEN LESSON

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB?

Objectives (Slide 2):

- ✓ to motivate learners to free speaking, exchanging opinions;
- ✓ to develop students' abilities to analyze the information;
- ✓ to master skills in cooperative learning
- ✓ to practise pupils' listening, reading and speaking skills.

Equipment: Presentation (*Open Lesson_WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB.pdf*), handouts, CD-player and CD

I. Introduction

T: we've got an exciting topic to discuss today. Would you like to say a word or two about your dream job? (Slide 3)

II. Warming up

1) Read the poem by S.P. Schutz and say what personal qualities are necessary for achieving success (*Slide 4*)

PEOPLE WHO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS

They have confidence

In themselves.

They have a very strong sense

Of purpose.

They never have excuses

For not doing something.

They always try their hardest

For perfection.

They never consider

The idea of failing.

They work extremely hard

Towards their goals.

They understand their weaknesses

As well as their strong points

They can accept and benefit

From criticism.
They know when to defend
What they are doing.
They are creative.
They are not afraid to be
A little different
In finding innovative solutions
That will enable them
To achieve their dreams.

Sample answers:

S1: I think a person should be confident and hardworking, have a strong sense of purpose to be successful.

S2: People who achieve their goal never give up anything and try to do their best in the sphere they are dedicated to.

2) **T:** *And now read the quotation by B.F. Fairless and compare two points of view concerning successful career (Slide 5):*

"What is the recipe for successful achievement? To my mind there are just four essential ingredients: choose a career you love, give it the best there is in you, seize your opportunities and be a member of the team"

Sample answers:

S1: I suppose, B.F. Fairless' recipe for successful achievement is more practical. He indicates what steps should be made for it.

S2: I'm sure, there is nothing more important than making the right choice. I agree with the author it will give you an opportunity to do one's best in it.

III. Main Part

1. Doing Quiz: "What's Your Dream Job?"

(Slides 6,7,8, 9)

T: *Do you ever feel you still don't know what you want to be when you grow up? Your answers to these questions can give you some clues to your ideal career.*

1. If you had an evening off, what would you rather do?

- ☒ a. Go to a party.
- ☐ b. Stay home and surf the Internet.
- ☐ c. Work on a hobby such as scrapbooking or model building.
- ☐ d. Go to a movie.

2. Which section of the newspaper do you turn to first?

- ☐ a. The advice column or letters to the editor
- ☐ b. News
- ☐ c. Sports
- ☐ d. Entertainment

3. What would you prefer to do at a party?

- ☐ a. Greet people at the door.
- ☐ b. Join in a discussion of current events.
- ☐ c. Make *hors d'oeuvres*.
- ☐ d. Entertain.

4. Which book would you rather receive as a gift?

- ☐ a. Chicken Soup for the Soul
- ☐ b. A Brief History of Time
- ☐ c. How Things Work
- ☐ d. An art book for your coffee table

5. What would you rather do in your spare time?

- ☐ a. Catch up with friends over coffee.
- ☐ b. Organize your closets.
- ☐ c. Garden or do home renovations.
- ☐ d. Write poetry.

6. It's your turn to choose the movie. What's your first choice?

- ☐ a. A romantic comedy such as *Sleepless in Seattle*.
- ☐ b. A thought-provoking drama such as *A Beautiful Mind*.
- ☐ c. An action-adventure movie such as *Star Wars*.
- ☐ d. An independent film such as *What the Bleep Do We Know?*

7. You're at a social event. Who would you rather join?

- ☒ a. A large group that is laughing a lot.
- ☐ b. A small group having a lively discussion.
- ☐ c. Several people playing a game such as pool or darts.
- ☐ d. An individual who looks like an interesting person.

8. You have the chance to be on a reality show. You choose:

- ☐ a. A show where your interpersonal skills can help you win, such as Survivor, The Apprentice, or The Bachelor.
- ☐ b. None. You think reality shows are a mindless waste of time.
- ☐ c. A show that gives you the chance to work hands-on to improve something, such as Trading Spaces.
- ☐ d. A show where you can win on the basis of your talent, such as American Idol, Last Comic Standing, or The Cut.

9. Which of the following would your friends say best describes you?

- ☐ a. A people person
- ☐ b. Intelligent
- ☐ c. Handy
- ☐ d. Creative

Score:

Number of A's:

Number of B's:

Number of C's:

Mostly A's: If you answered mostly A's, your ideal career probably involves working with **people**. According to Human Resources Development Canada's *National Occupation Classification*, these careers may involve: mentoring, negotiating, instructing, consulting, supervising, persuading, speaking, serving or assisting. Possible career choices include: teacher, human resources, flight attendant, life coach, daycare worker, personal assistant.

Mostly B's: If you answered mostly B's, your ideal career probably involves working with **information**. These careers may include tasks such as synthesizing, coordinating, analyzing, compiling, computing, copying or comparing. Possible career choices include: library assistant, editor, web developer, professional organizer, accountant or private investigator.





Mostly C's: If you answered mostly C's, your ideal career probably involves working with **things**. Tasks you might do in these careers include setting up, precision working, controlling, driving, operating, tending, feeding or handling. Possible career choices include: chef, repair person, carpenter, collectibles dealer, veterinary assistant and mechanic.

Mostly D's: If you answered mostly D's, your ideal career is probably **creative**. Possible career choices include: writer, photographer, musician, interior decorator, graphic artist, fashion

designer. Of course there are many more careers to choose from, but knowing your preferred type can help you narrow down the choices.

2. Listening Practice

A) T: You will hear four stories about jobs. Match each of them with a photograph (slide 10).

			
1 - <input type="text"/>	2 - <input type="text"/>	3 - <input type="text"/>	4 - <input type="text"/>

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A) *I find it quite challenging and exciting. I travel a lot. I meet all sorts of people. In fact, I have interviewed quite a few remarkable personalities. It can be dangerous sometimes especially when you are covering events in hot spots, but I don't mind taking risks.*

B) *Lots of people think it's very exciting. In fact, it can be quite boring. You can be doing routine office work for a whole month at a time. Then the next month you can be driving around on patrol. Some people think all we do is chasing criminals in fast cars with flashing lights, but what I like best is being on the beat, walking around, keeping your eyes open, making sure you know what is going on, actually trying to prevent crime.*

C) *Some people find it boring, but I don't agree with them. I like the peace and quiet of the place. I have always been a bit of a bookworm. I feel quite happy when people say they enjoyed the book I've recommended them. Besides some of the readers are so interesting to talk to. It's not very well paid, but the work is very rewarding.*

D) *It's terrific. It's lots of variety. I meet very interesting people. I get to travel and the best thing is working with all these wonderful people and I get a fabulous salary. However, I have to tell you I have to work very long hours and I have to work weekends sometimes. I get the greatest thrill when after all the hours spent in the fitness room and all the hard work that goes in before the show, I appear on the catwalk in the limelight.*

B) T: Answer the following questions:

According to the stories which job/jobs

- requires knowledge of foreign languages?
- requires good interpersonal skills
- is thought to be rather boring
- is very exciting/boring (is not as exciting as people think)
- is very well paid
- requires fitness

3. Reading Practice

1) Pre-reading Activity. Group Work (Slide 11)

Which of these things are most important in a job? Choose the three most important and one least important thing. Try to find someone else in the class who has made the same choice as you have.

- good working conditions
- good pay
- travelling
- job satisfaction
- long holidays
- good peer relations
- sense of achievement
- good pension

2) While reading (Slide 12)

T: For questions 1 – 10, read the text below. Fill in gaps with the words in correct forms. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0) OCCUPY, 1) PAY, 2) MAJOR, 3) ENJOY, 4) EMPLOY, 5) PROMOTE,
6) HAPPY, 7) ACTIVE, 8) JOURNAL, 9) ACCOUNT 10) WELL

One thing that people get from their (0) **occupation** is, of course, money. Most people wouldn't do the job they do if it wasn't for the (1) _____ at the end of each day, week or month. However, the (2) _____ of people want more than

just a good salary. There are many other things which add up to job satisfaction', the feeling of (3)_____you get from doing a job that makes you happy. What people in (4)_____ want from a job varies greatly from person to person. For some, the chances of (5) _____ make a big difference. For others, working in a creative environment with other people makes them (6)_____than they would be working alone. When planning your career, you should consider all the (7) _____ involved in a job and decide how each one suits your personality. If you're considering becoming a (8)_____, for example, do you like meeting members of the public? If you're thinking of becoming an (9) _____, do you enjoy detailed work with numbers? Just because one job is (10) _____ paid than another, it doesn't mean it's the job for you.

3) Post-reading (Slide 13)

T: Read the extract from a letter. Pay attention to the linking devices. Think of another job and write two paragraphs about it, using linking devices.

Being a doctor is a good job. Firstly, you feel you are helping people with their health problems. Secondly, you meet all sorts of people and get to know a lot about human nature. Another thing is that the job is really well paid. Lastly, you feel fine when people are grateful for what you have done for them. On the other hand, you have to work irregular hours. You can be called out any time of the day or night, you can never really plan your time, sometimes you do not see your family at home. And another thing is you can't help feeling frustrated and depressed when you fail to help your patient.

IV. Home Assignment. (Slide 14)

Express your point of view on your career choice in writing

Summing up.

T: I'm quite sure your dreams will come true and you'll achieve success in your future life.