

# The weirdest jobs in the world



What job are you going to do in the future? Are you going to be a lawyer, an engineer, or a nurse? If these jobs don't appeal to you, don't worry. There are lots of unusual job possibilities, too. Read on for more information!

Why not be a **professional pet-food taster**? Yes, that's right! Pet-food companies employ people who taste new pet food, from bones to meat to biscuits. Tasters also suggest new ideas for recipes. If you like animals and you enjoy trying different types of food, this is the perfect job for you! The job also pays well, and experienced tasters can earn up to \$70,000 a year.



If you prefer doing something more active, you could become a **train pusher**. In countries with busy subway systems, train platforms have train pushers: people who squeeze passengers onto trains, especially during busy periods. Right now, you can find train pushers in Madrid and in several cities in China.

If those ideas don't interest you, how about becoming a **professional sleeper**? These people test beds for hotels, and they also help scientists who are doing sleep research. Some professional sleepers even sleep in art exhibitions! The salary for this job varies, but you could earn as much as \$100,000 a year! If you hate getting up in the morning, this is your dream job—in more ways than one!

**So, what are you going to do when you're older? Now that you know the world is full of unusual possibilities, the future is yours!**

## Check it out!

Find these words and phrases and check their meaning.

appeal to (someone)	bones	squeeze
taste	recipes	salary

### 1 105 Read and listen Choose the correct answer.

This article is for people who

- a don't mind doing a boring job.
- b don't want to go to college.
- c are looking for an unusual job.

### 2 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Not everyone wants to be
  - 2 You can choose from
  - 3 Professional pet-food tasters check
  - 4 Professional pet-food tasters can earn
  - 5 Train pushers work
  - 6 Professional sleepers earn a salary
- a for staying in bed!
  - b a lot of money.
  - c a lawyer, an engineer, or a nurse.
  - d on busy subway systems.
  - e that the food is delicious for animals.
  - f lots of unusual jobs.

### 3 Answer the questions.

What types of pet food can you taste?

You can taste bones, meat, and biscuits.

- 1 How much can a professional pet-food taster earn?
- 2 Who does the train pusher job appeal to?
- 3 Where can you find train pushers now?
- 4 Some professional sleepers test beds for hotels. What do other professional sleepers do?
- 5 Who is the professional sleeper's job perfect for?

### 4 **Presentation** Research another unusual job and prepare a presentation about it. Use the jobs in the box and the notes below to help you. Present your job to the class.

odor judge   full-time Netflix viewer  
professional waterslide tester   drying-paint watcher  
shopping channel presenter   line stander

- name of job
- where you do it
- what you do
- who you work for
- the salary
- who it appeals to

## going to (1): Intentions

### Affirmative and negative

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

Kaylah 's going to be / **are going to be** a doctor after university.

- 1 Mike **going to do** / **'s going to do** an apprenticeship.
- 2 Dana and Colette **are going to finish** / **is going to finish** school next year.
- 3 I **'m go to listen** / **'m going to listen** to music this afternoon.
- 4 We **aren't going to go** / **not going to go** to the gym tonight.
- 5 Jake **aren't going to talk** / **isn't going to talk** to Kahlid later.

### Interrogative and short answers

2 Complete the dialogues. Write one word in each blank.

A Is Ling going to buy a new tablet?

B Yes, she is.

- 1 A Is Jimmy \_\_\_\_\_ to visit the museum?

B Yes, he is.

- 2 A \_\_\_\_\_ Nick and Irene going to have a test this afternoon?

B Yes, they are.

- 3 A Are we going to finish our project today?

B Yes, we \_\_\_\_\_.

- 4 A Are \_\_\_\_\_ going to be a factory worker?

B No, I'm not.

- 5 A Are Amy and Maureen going to walk to school tomorrow?

B No, they \_\_\_\_\_.



## going to (2): Predictions

3 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

(A) 's going to be (B) 're going to lose (C) 's going to snow  
(D) 're going to get (E) 're going to miss (F) isn't going to pass

It's very cold today. It C.

- 1 I broke Allen's phone. He \_\_\_ angry with me.
- 2 I forgot my umbrella and it's raining. We \_\_\_ wet.
- 3 The team is playing badly. They \_\_\_ the game.
- 4 He didn't study, so he \_\_\_ the exam.
- 5 It's late! We \_\_\_ the bus to school!

## Relative pronouns: who, which, and that

4 Choose the correct alternatives.

I'm going to buy Nia a dress that / **who** she likes.

- 1 Gill's the girl **who** / **which** sits next to me in class.
- 2 Math is a subject **who** / **which** I like.
- 3 I want a job **that** / **who** is well paid.
- 4 Is a chef someone **which** / **who** cooks food?
- 5 This is the book **which** / **who** we're going to use in class.

## Verb + infinitive or -ing form

5 Complete the sentences with the infinitive or -ing form of the verbs in the box.

be ~~watch~~ have finish listen go

I don't like watching the news. It's boring.

- 1 Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ a builder?
- 2 We don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ to your music.
- 3 I hope \_\_\_\_\_ my project tonight.
- 4 Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ a repetitive job?
- 5 Greg hates \_\_\_\_\_ to parties.





# Vocabulary: Extension

## Jobs

1  09 Label the pictures with the words in the box.

chemist   personal trainer   veterinarian  
professor   tour guide   make-up artist



chemist

1



2



3

4



5



## Things to help with jobs

2 What things do the people need to do their jobs? Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

athletic clothing   microscope   test tubes   bandages   cosmetics   maps  
microphone   stopwatch   phrase book   projector   brushes   stethoscope

I'm a personal trainer in a gym. When I work with clients I wear special athletic clothing and I use a stopwatch to time them.

- 1 I'm a chemist. I work in a lab. When I do experiments, I need a \_\_\_\_\_ and lots of \_\_\_\_\_!
- 2 I'm a professor in a university. I'm giving a lecture, so I need a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I'm a make-up artist. I work in a studio. I put \_\_\_\_\_ on actors. I use special \_\_\_\_\_ to do this.
- 4 I'm a veterinarian. I work in an animal clinic. When I treat animals, I use a \_\_\_\_\_ and sometimes I need \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I'm a tour guide. I work with tourists. I use \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ in my job.

3 What job do you want to do? What things do you need to do that job?

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## Jobs

1 Match the sentences with the words in the box.

engineer ~~web developer~~ builder nurse journalist hair stylist

I create websites.

*web developer*

1 I cut and color people's hair.

2 I write for a newspaper.

3 I design roads and bridges.

4 I look after people in the hospital.

5 I build and repair houses.

2 Choose the correct answers.

"I work in an office. I send emails and make phone calls."

☒ A office worker

B factory worker

1 "I repair cars, motorcycles, and other vehicles."

A lawyer

B mechanic

2 "I keep and check the financial records in a business."

A accountant

B police officer

3 "I cook food in a restaurant."

A engineer

B chef

4 "I stop fires and rescue people and animals from fires."

A journalist

B firefighter

5 "I grow vegetables and keep cows and sheep."

A builder

B farmer

# Grammar: Extension

## going to (1): Intentions

- 1 Look at the information in the chart. Complete the sentences about Raphael and Gina with the correct form of *going to*.**

	Raphael	Gina
go to college	✓	X
get a good job	✓	✓
do volunteer work	X	✓
travel around the world	X	X

Raphael is going to go to college.

- Gina \_\_\_\_\_ college.
- Raphael and Gill \_\_\_\_\_ job.
- Raphael \_\_\_\_\_ volunteer work.
- "I \_\_\_\_\_ volunteer work," says Gina.
- "We \_\_\_\_\_ world," says Raphael.

- 2 Write sentences using the words given and *going to*, in positive (✓), negative (X), or interrogative (?) forms.**

I / graduate / from high school next month (✓)  
I'm going to graduate from high school next month.

- they / meet / their friends today (?)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- we / do / volunteer work next summer (X)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Samuel / help / me / with my project (✓)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- you / leave / school early next Friday (?)  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- Silvia / work / in her dad's factory (X)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## going to (2): Predictions

- 3 Complete the predictions with the correct form of *going to* and the words in the box. There are two words you do not need.**

be not play eat not be  
 not miss rain fly work

Mr. Smith's Math tests are always difficult. His next one is going to be terrible.

- The girls didn't do their homework last night. Their teachers \_\_\_\_\_ happy.
- Antonio broke his leg last week. He \_\_\_\_\_ soccer next Sunday.

- We loved the food in the new restaurant. We \_\_\_\_\_ there again.
- It's very dark this morning. It \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's early. Stella \_\_\_\_\_ her flight.

## Relative pronouns

### who, which, and that

- 4 Rewrite the sentences. Substitute the words in bold with *who* or *which*.**

This is the book **that** I'm reading.

This is the book which I'm reading.

- I'm looking for someone **that** is an accountant.  
 I'm looking for someone \_\_\_\_\_ is an accountant.
- There's a college **that** is next to our house.  
 There's a college \_\_\_\_\_ is next to our house.
- This is a hospital **that** has lots of great nurses.  
 This is a hospital \_\_\_\_\_ has lots of great nurses.
- He's a teacher **that** teaches at my school.  
 He's a teacher \_\_\_\_\_ teaches at my school.
- I want a job **that** I can do on Saturdays.  
 I want a job \_\_\_\_\_ I can do on Saturdays.

## Verb + infinitive or -ing form

- 5 Complete the sentences with the infinitive or -ing form of the verbs in the box. There are two verbs you do not need.**

watch clean be do finish  
 speak visit play

Vicky likes playing computer games.

- I hope \_\_\_\_\_ my cousins next summer.
- We enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ old movies on cold winter nights.
- I want \_\_\_\_\_ an engineer and design bridges when I'm older.
- The boys don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ their bedroom.
- Is it important \_\_\_\_\_ nice things for people?