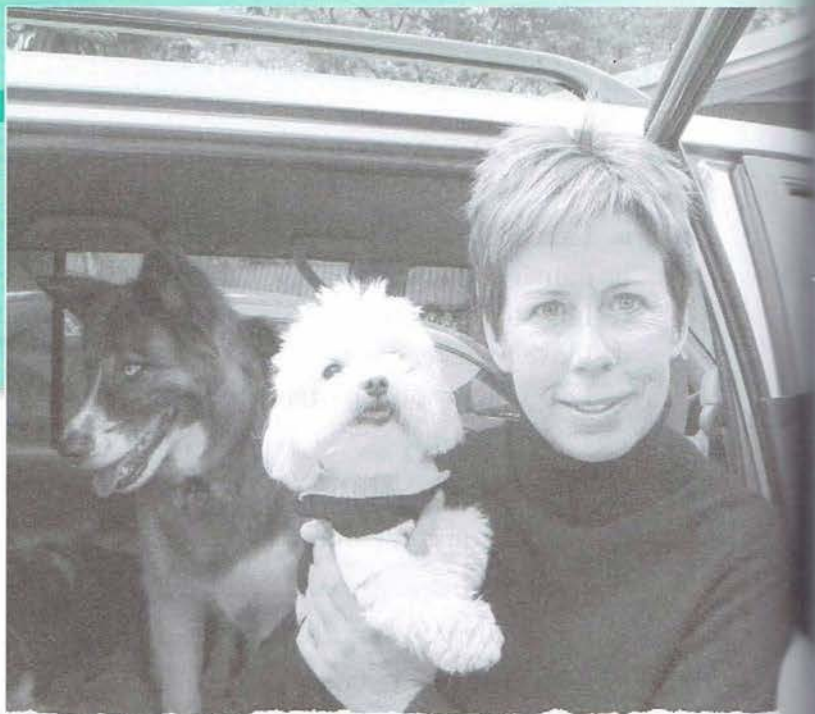


Dream Jobs



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

CALIFORNIA, USA ¹What is your dream job? **According to** recent surveys*, many British teenagers dream of working with computers. Japanese teens most often **mentioned** running a restaurant or being a **professor**.

²Some lucky Californians have found their dream jobs. Annie Lever is a **professional** dog walker. "I love my job," she says. Lever walks about 15 dogs a day in parks around Los Angeles, **earning** \$25.00 a day for each dog. ³She enjoys dogs, her **freedom**, and being outdoors.

⁴Andy Alamano, 24, is doing his dream job as a video-game **tester** for a company in San Francisco. His **hobby**—playing video games—has become his job! **At present** he earns \$40,000 a year. ⁵It is not all

fun and games, **though**. "I have to sit through a lot of meetings** , too," says Alamano.

⁶When Wally Amos began baking cookies*** in Hollywood, his friends thought they were **delicious**. ⁷So he went into business and was soon selling cookies around the world. "I love what I do," he says, "and I'm the **boss**." ⁸Amos tells young people to keep their eyes open for a great job. "Listen! **Opportunity** is everywhere."

* surveys: questions that find out what people think

** meetings: times when people come together to talk

*** cookies: small, thin cakes

NEW WORDS

according to *prep*

mention *v*

professor *n*

professional *adj*

earn *v*

freedom *n*

tester *n*

hobby *n*

at present *adv*

though *adv*

delicious *adj*

boss *n*

opportunity *n*

>> See Glossary on page 91. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All

A Lot

1

2

3

4

5

3. Check your comprehension

Correct five mistakes in the story summary.

Some lucky Californians have found their dream jobs. Annie Lever is a dog walker, earning \$25.00 a week for each dog that she walks. She enjoys her freedom and being indoors. Andy Alamano is doing his dream job as a video-game tester. At present, he earns \$40,000 a month. Wally Amos sells delicious cookies around the United States. He loves what he does. "Listen!" he tells young people. "Opportunity is nowhere."

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- Acc_____ to surveys, many Japanese teens dream of being a pr_____.
- Annie Lever, a pro_____ dog walker, loves her fr_____.
- Andy Alamano _____s \$40,000 a year at pr_____.
- Wally Amos likes his job because he is his own b_____.

5. Listen to the story track 14

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- What does Annie Lever like about her job?
- What does Andy Alamano do?
- How much do Annie and Andy earn?
- What does Wally Amos tell young people?

About you...

- Which of the three jobs in the story looks the most interesting to you? Why?
- Do you know people who have fun while working? What do they do?
- Name two or three jobs that you would like.
- What is your hobby?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

OPPORTUNITY		
a great a fantastic	opportunity	Great opportunities are everywhere! <i>My trip to London was a fantastic opportunity.</i>
have the opportunity to do something		<i>I had the opportunity to meet my hero!</i> <i>He has the opportunity to travel for work.</i> <i>She hopes to have the opportunity to study.</i>

- Last year I had an opportunity to _____.
- My trip to _____ was a _____.
- In the future I hope to _____ the opportunity to _____.

9. Learn word groups

Answer the questions so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

JOBS



a business person



a builder



a professional athlete



a judge



a fire fighter



a baker

- Which of these jobs look boring? _____
- Which job is the most difficult? _____
- Which is the most dangerous? _____
- Which is the most interesting to you? _____

10. Take a dictation track 15

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

earn though at present boss
professional according to freedom builder

Scary Jobs

NEW YORK CITY, USA, and FRANCE There are many kinds of jobs. Some are boring; others are exciting. And still others are really scary.

David Rice, 52, is a special kind of (1) _____ called a “skywalker.” Rice is one of many Mohawk Indians who build the skyscrapers* in Manhattan. Like his father and grandfather before him, he learned to work on narrow beams** high above the ground. (2) _____ Rice, it’s a dangerous job. “I’m scared up there,” he says. “My (3) _____ taught me to put one foot in front of the other, look straight ahead, and never look down. It’s bad when it’s windy.” Skywalkers can (4) _____ a lot of money. Accidents are common, (5) _____. Many Mohawk families have lost loved ones on the job.

Katia Krafft, a French woman, was a volcanologist—a (6) _____ student of volcanoes***. Krafft studied and watched active volcanoes and visited them around the world. She loved the (7) _____ and excitement of her job. But in 1991, as she was studying an active volcano in Japan called Unzen, she got too close. The volcano killed her. (8) _____ more and more women are becoming volcanologists, although the job is dangerous.



*skyscrapers: very tall buildings

**beams: long, heavy pieces of wood that hold up a building

***volcanoes: mountains with a hole in the top where fire sometimes comes out



Talk about the stories

Which job from the two stories do you like best? Why? Which one don't you like? Why?