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Career choice

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BUSINESS

1. Talk about two of the topics below.

- jobs you have done in your life
- a job you wanted to have when you were young
- qualities a person needs to do the job you currently have
- changes you expect to occur in your career in the future

2. Read the quotes and explain what you think they mean. Then, say whether any of them applies to your experience.

“A job is not just a job, it’s who you are.” (Jude Law, actor)

“Most people work just hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough money not to quit.” (George Carlin, comedian)

“The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today.”
(Elbert Hubbard, writer)

“It’s never too late to be what you might have been.” (George Eliot, writer)

3. Discuss the questions.

- How did you choose your career? Was it a tough decision?
- What professional advice would you give to your younger self?
- Have you ever had a career advisor or a career coach? If not, would you like to have one?
- Is choosing a career today more complicated than it was in the past? Why/Why not?
- What should young people keep in mind when choosing a career?
- Think of some jobs which don’t exist anymore or might soon disappear (e.g. telemarketer, cashier, typist). What trends might put certain jobs at risk?
- What are some examples of emerging jobs that didn’t exist ten years ago? What needs do they address?

4. Watch the **first video** [<https://youtu.be/Nc2asj7NfSo>] and discuss the topics. Then, watch the **second video** [https://youtu.be/xBfU_SlssDc] and discuss the topics again.

- what the job involves
- social trends the job reflects
- qualities needed for the job

5. Discuss which comment best expresses your thoughts about the videos.

- These are not real professions as they don't require real skills.
- Society makes progress thanks to innovative people like them.
- Good for them! They found a niche and filled it.
- These jobs are temporary. The need for them will soon disappear.

6. Discuss to what extent you agree with the statements below.

- Schools cannot prepare people for work because the world is changing too quickly.
- All professions should earn the same salary. This way everyone would be able to choose the career they like.
- There are too many professions that are objectively evil and something should be done about it.
- People used to respect serious professionals, like a lawyer or a doctor. Now they idolize influencers and YouTubers.
- Being famous for what you do is considered more important than doing something valuable and fulfilling.



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