

Jobs

1 Match these jobs with the things people said (1–12).

actor architect astronaut athlete
camera operator cook firefighter
hairdresser lawyer librarian
politician soldier

- 1 I cut people's hair. hairdresser
- 2 I help run the country. politician
- 3 I am a sports person. I can run very fast. athlete
- 4 I work in a theatre. People watch me in plays and shows. actor
- 5 I design buildings. architect
- 6 I fight for my country. soldier
- 7 I make videos and films. camera operator
- 8 I work in a library. librarian
- 9 I put out fires. firefighter
- 10 I travel into space. astronaut
- 11 I give advice about the law. lawyer
- 12 I prepare food for other people. cook

Personality adjectives

2 Complete the sentences. Use two adjectives from the brackets.

- 1 My aunt is a very generous person. She gives money to people if they have problems. She's also very hard-working and spends lots of time helping at a care centre. (hard-working / jealous / generous)
- 2 Jack is very nervous about travelling to Spain next month because he doesn't like flying. His brother, Dan, though, is really relaxed and never gets worried about anything. (relaxed / honest / nervous)
- 3 Katia is sociable and she has got lots of friends, but sometimes she says unkind things and can upset people. (unkind / shy / sociable)
- 4 I like Piotr, but he isn't very reliable. He's often late and forgets important dates. He's also quite lazy and he doesn't work very hard at school. (reliable / lazy / calm)
- 5 I'm not a very confident swimmer because I only started lessons recently, but fortunately my teacher is really patient and doesn't get annoyed with me. (patient / anxious / confident)
- 6 I felt quite miserable when I woke up this morning because it was cold and raining, but now the sun's shining and I'm much more cheerful. (cheerful / miserable / serious)

3 Complete the text with these words.

calm dangerous hard-working nervous
patient reliable



Career focus: wildlife camera operator

This could be the perfect job for you if you enjoy working with film and also love nature.

It's important to be very ¹ hard-working in this job – you often work long hours, and sometimes you can't take any breaks. You also need to be ² patient; you might have to wait a long time for the right moment, or the best light.

Sometimes you might film ³ dangerous animals, like lions or hippos, so if you're a very ⁴ nervous person, this probably isn't the best job for you!

Even in difficult situations, you have to stay ⁵ calm and think about getting the best film. It's also important to be ⁶ reliable. You can't forget an important piece of equipment because you often only get one chance to film an animal.

your ideas

Work in pairs.

- Which job from Exercise 1 would you like to do? Which job do you think your partner would be good at? Why?
- Choose three adjectives from Exercise 2 to describe yourself. Does your partner agree with the adjectives you chose?

Present simple and present continuous

1 Match the sentences (1–4) with the uses of the present simple (a–d).

- Water **boils** at 100°C. **c**
- His sister **works** at the sports centre. **b**
- The library **opens** at ten o'clock tomorrow. **d**
- I always **do** my homework on Saturday mornings. **a**

We use the present simple for ...

- a habits and repeated actions.
- b permanent situations.
- c scientific facts.
- d future actions based on timetables and schedules.

2 Match the sentences (1–5) with the uses of the present continuous (a–e).

- She's always **borrowing** my clothes! **d**
- What **are you doing** at the weekend? **c**
- My brother's **studying** to be an architect. **b**
- I can't speak to you now, I'm **having** dinner. **a**
- Families **are becoming** smaller and smaller these days. **e**

We use the present continuous for ...

- a actions happening now.
- b temporary situations.
- c future plans.
- d annoying habits.
- e changing and developing situations in the present.

Grammar reference 1.1, p161

Stative verbs

3 Read the sentences and underline the verbs. Then choose the correct option to complete the rule.

- Federico loves his new school.
- We understand the problem now.
- This food tastes delicious.
- Who owns the big house opposite the park?

Some verbs, e.g. *like, hate, be, belong* and *know* are stative verbs. They describe states and not actions. We don't use these verbs in **simple / continuous** forms.

4 Some verbs can be used as either stative or action verbs, but the meaning is different. Match the sentences (1–2) with the correct meaning of *think* (a–b).

- She **thinks** that firefighters are very brave.
- She's **thinking** of joining the fire service.

- a to describe the act of thinking
- b to give an opinion

LOOK!

We can use both *have* and *have got* for possession. *I have / have got two sisters.* The meaning is the same, but *have got* is more informal. We usually use *have* in formal texts.

Grammar reference 1.2, p161

5 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- Be quiet! Why are you being / are you being so noisy today?
- Where does she work? I'm not remembering / don't remember what her job is.
- Tatiana works / is working at her uncle's office this week.
- Karl isn't feeling well. He's seeing / He sees the doctor later today.
- Bella is looking like / looks like her aunt.
- Sometimes take / I'm taking the bus to school.
- Li Na visits / is visiting her grandparents every weekend.
- Why do you think / are you thinking the children are jealous of each other?

6 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb.

At the moment I ¹ am studying (study) to be an architect at university. The course ² is (be) five years long and I ³ finish / am finishing (finish) in June next year. I ⁴ love (love) my course, although we ⁵ have (have) a lot of work! I ⁶ go (go) to lectures every day and as well as that, right now I ⁷ am working (work) on a special project with some other students. We ⁸ are designing (design) a new building for the university eco club. I ⁹ am sharing (share) a house with two other students at the moment. I ¹⁰ like (like) them, but they ¹¹ are always leaving (always / leave) their dirty plates in the kitchen – it's really annoying!

