

A great activity to make your students talk about jobs.

Have you noticed that every time you go for a perm or a trim that hairdresser is always very chatty? The reason they are so happy is that most of them love their jobs. This is according to a survey conducted by the City & Guilds of London Institute, which asked 1,200 workers about their job satisfaction. Forty per cent of hairdressers are very happy in their jobs, while civil servants, social workers and architects are the unhappiest workers. None of the top ten positions in the Happiness Index included office jobs. The happiest workers were those who used their hands. In second place were religious ministers, followed by chefs, beauticians and plumbers. The survey showed that people who can run their own business and be self-employed are happiest. Desk workers came very low on the happiness scale. Teachers didn't seem to be too happy either – only 8% said they enjoyed their work. There wasn't a figure for English teachers, although their job satisfaction is probably very high. English teachers also smile a lot and generally love their jobs. City and Guilds advised workers to start every day positively, chat to colleagues, and brighten the workplace with personal photographs and flowers.

HAPPY JOBS: What are the good things and bad things about the following jobs? Which would you like / hate to do? (The money is the same for all of them)

NASA astronaut	US president	TV s reporter (international)
Games software developer	CEO	Politician
	Soccer player	

Questions

- What is your dream job?
- What did you want to do when you were ten years old?
- When do you want to retire?
- What's most important to you when choosing a job?
- If you ran your own business, what would you do?
- What are the pros and cons of being self-employed?
- Would you prefer to work at home, doing an Internet-related job?
- How about working overseas?
- What is the best way to enjoy your job?
- Do you want to go far in your career? How far?

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