

2 PRONUNCIATION word stress

a Underline the stressed syllable.

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| 1 a pply | 9 pro mo tion |
| 2 down size | 10 qua liffy |
| 3 em ploy ment | 11 re sign |
| 4 far mer | 12 re tire |
| 5 law yer | 13 sal lary |
| 6 o ver time | 14 tempo ral ry |
| 7 mu si cian | 15 un em ployed |
| 8 per ma nent | |

b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.

3 GRAMMAR gerunds and infinitives

a **Circle** the correct answer.

- She's going to practice **giving** / to give her presentation.
- My colleague isn't very good at **making** / to make decisions.
- Did they promise **paying** / to pay you on time?
- The government is trying to make it easier for companies **firing** / to fire employees.
- My brother regrets **not going** / not to go to college.
- Can you remember **having** / to have your first job interview?
- He really enjoys **working** / to work on a team.
- Don't forget **signing** / to sign the application form.

b Correct any mistakes in the **highlighted** verbs. Check (✓) if the sentence is correct.

- It isn't easy **finding** a good job these days.
to find _____
- My brother has decided **to resign** from his job.

- I'd like **getting** a job abroad, preferably in Canada.

- She spent three months **to take** a training course.

- They'll have to increase the salary **to attract** the right applicants.

- He gave up **to play** basketball when he went to college.

- The interviewer asked me **to wait** in the reception area.

- Fill out** an application form can take a long time.

c Complete the sentences with the gerund or the infinitive form of the verbs in parentheses.

- I forgot **to tell** my boss I was going to the doctor's. (tell)
- My girlfriend told me _____ her outside the movie theater. (meet)
- _____ heavy weights can give you back problems. (lift)
- It's always difficult _____ good seats if we don't get to the theater early. (find)
- They're afraid of _____ fired. (get)
- Why don't you try _____ to a smaller company? (apply)
- My colleague doesn't mind _____ me with my problems. (help)
- I can't afford _____ a lower salary. (accept)

4 READING

a Read the article once. Which job / jobs require a special qualification?

Do something different and get a super salary!

Would you like your friends to be impressed by your job? Do you want to earn a better salary? Here are some of the strangest jobs around that pay over \$100,000 per year.

A Ethical hacker

What they do

A hacker doesn't usually have permission to enter a company's computer system. But an **ethical** hacker is actually employed by a company to take care of the system. Ethical hackers have to protect a company's IT network from real hackers. Their job is to stop professional criminals from entering the company's system to steal confidential information.

How to get a job

After getting a degree in IT, you have to work in computers for a few years until you have enough experience in programming. After that, you need to get a special qualification called the Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) certificate, which lets you work as an ethical hacker. Salaries start between \$50,000 and \$100,000, depending on your experience and where you work.





B Golf-ball diver

What they do

Not all of the golf balls on a golf course **end up** in the hole on the green. In fact, golfers hit a surprisingly high number of them into the lake. Golf-ball divers do exactly what the job title suggests: they dive into the lake to collect the balls. Professional divers only work during the day. They have to wear special diving equipment, as well as a pair of thick **waterproof** gloves to keep their hands from getting cold.

How to get a job

To be a golf-ball diver, you need an advanced certificate in scuba diving. Once you have the right qualifications, you can choose to work for a company or to **work for yourself**. If you work for a company, the company will organize your schedule for you, whereas if you're self-employed, you have to contact the golf courses yourself. Golf-ball divers are paid between seven and 12 cents per ball, and on an average day, they can collect about 4,000 balls. If you work from 7 a.m. to noon four days a week, you can earn up to \$100,000 per year.



C Forensic dentist

What they do

Forensic dentists spend most of their time identifying dead bodies. When a body is found, the dentist looks at the teeth and checks the records of other dentists to try and discover who the person was. If they don't find any information to match the dead person's teeth, the forensic dentist has to build up a profile about them. This profile contains information such as the person's sex, age, height, weight, and diet. Forensic dentists often work closely with the police and they sometimes have to **give evidence** in court.

How to get a job

First, you need to get a degree in dentistry and after that, you can take a **postgraduate course** to become a forensic dentist. You have to work in a laboratory for many years until you are promoted to department head. The starting salary is between \$69,000 to \$146,000 per year, but forensic dentists who go to court can earn up to \$180,000.

- b Read the article again. Answer the questions with the letters A, B, or C.

In which profession does the employee...?

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| 1 work outside | <u>B</u> |
| 2 try to stop a crime | — |
| 3 take part in criminal investigations | — |
| 4 need two degrees | — |
| 5 get paid depending on the results of a day's work | — |
| 6 do something that could be illegal | — |

- c Look at the **highlighted** words and phrases. What do you think they mean? Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.

5 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to five speakers talking about their first job. Check (✓) the speakers who enjoyed their jobs and put an X if they didn't enjoy them.

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| Speaker 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Speaker 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Speaker 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Speaker 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Speaker 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

- b Listen again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

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| 1 Speaker 1 was downsized after three years. | <u>F</u> |
| 2 Speaker 2 went abroad when he was a student. | — |
| 3 Speaker 3 didn't earn any money doing the job. | — |
| 4 Speaker 4 got along well with his colleagues. | — |
| 5 Speaker 5 wasn't wearing the right clothes for the job. | — |

- c Listen again with the audioscript on p. 75.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- entrepreneurs /ˌɑntɹəprə'nɔːz/
- a product /ə 'prɒdʌkt/
- be successful /bi sək'sesfl/
- impressive /ɪm'presɪv/
- profitable /'prɒfɪtəbl/
- to make it /tə 'meɪk ɪt/
- make a presentation /meɪk ə prɪzən'teɪʃn/
- reject somebody's idea /rɪ'dʒekt aɪdɪə/
- share the profits /ʃɛr ðə 'prɒfɪts/