



Choose the right job

Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life

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Choosing the right job starts with identifying what you are good at, those tasks you have a natural aptitude for, and those you love doing or love learning about. When you are naturally good at something you tend to like doing it and what you like you tend to be good at. Therefore, your perfect career will lie in the area in which you enjoy putting in the effort to acquire the skills.

You may already have a job in mind that is perfect for you. This may be something you have already done or something you know you have the skills and ability to do and there are positions available.

If your chosen job is not within reach, due to being scarce, or not available in the area you live in, you may want to consider alternative fields of work – completing this section may present you with other opportunities you may not yet have considered.

Think about a time when you were working (or doing voluntary work or studying) when you were really happy. What was it you were doing and what did you enjoy most about what you were doing?

How could you turn what you loved doing into a job?

Think back to a time when you were unhappy, what was it you were doing and what did you dislike about it?

Your challenge is to investigate how to turn what you love to do into a job!



Consider the following:

- ★ What type of work environment would you prefer to work in e.g. small, large, corporate, highly structured, easy going, government, informal?

- ★ What type of work are you be looking for in the long term?

- ★ What level of pay do you want long term?

- ★ What type of work are you looking for in the short term?

- ★ What level of pay can you accept in the short term?

- ★ What type of working conditions are you looking for e.g. full time, part time, casual, temporary, job share, evening work, morning work?

- ★ How far are you able to travel for work?
