Choosing a profession



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Today's world of jobs offers us new <u>challenges</u>. There is <u>an increase in the</u> variety of different jobs nowadays. Such jobs as Djs, web and interior designers, machine operators, have appeared recently. Besides as a result of technological advances traditional patterns of work are changing rapidly.

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 That's why more flexibility is required from the workforce. If a young person wants to <u>succeed in</u> the 21st century labour market, self-investment in some certain skills and personal qualities is absolutely essential. To make a good career he or she should be quick to learn and adaptable.

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Reasons for work

People work for 2 <u>sets of reasons</u>: extrinsic (<u>for a wage</u>, to <u>earn</u> money) and intrinsic (<u>for the</u> interest and enjoyment of the job, for the <u>companionship</u>, for the status and the <u>sense of identity</u>).

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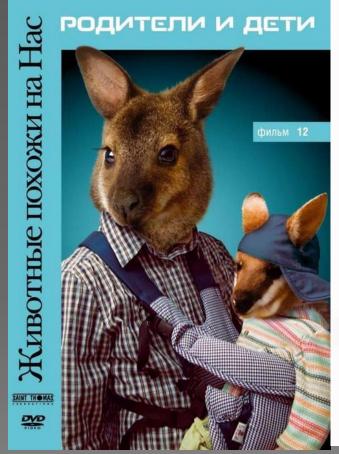
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The choice of the future profession is a very delicate topic. The problem is really rather <u>urgent</u> and acute because you have very little time to solve it. And making the wrong decision can result in many troubles in future.

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- The first step towards <u>making a decision</u> is <u>to find out our talents</u>. It is good <u>to bear in mind</u> the professions of your parents because they often have <u>similar abilities</u>, though it is <u>not a must</u>.
- We have many <u>possibilities</u> to solve the problem: we can <u>consult a psychologist</u> or <u>ask</u> someone you respect <u>for advice</u>.





 Another opportunity to understand your preferences is to attend some extra classes or work during summer holidays. It is necessary to realize the advantages and disadvantages of the job chosen.



My priorities have changed with years. When I was small, what I valued was the interest and enjoyment of the job. Of course it is important to mind your bent for a job not to be torn apart between your job and your nature. But now I take into account some other <u>criteria</u> too.

- What matters to me is pay.
- Besides we <u>can't but keep in</u> mind the job security, convenient location, good prospects of promotion.

 What I mostly take into consideration is the working day. I'd like to avoid night shifts or working late. I don't want to put up with working under pressure from 9 to 5. I feel like having flexible working hours. I mean piecework or working from home. <u>I can't do without</u> freedom. <u>I can't stand</u> taking responsibility for others – I'd rather work on my own, freelance to be exact.



- But what turns the scale is the creativity of the job (at least <u>as far</u> as I am concerned).
- Thus, I am planning to have work which can give me freedom to create, to develop myself and to learn new things.

