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# READING: The Most Stressful Jobs

## Vocabulary Preview



- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. announce    | <u>  E  </u> | A. easy to understand and agree with                 |
| 2. annual      | _____        | B. every year  |
| 3. exotic      | _____        | C. caring for and having control over people         |
| 4. encourage   | _____        | D. an area of land with a common (same) time         |
| 5. make sense  | _____        | E. to say important information                      |
| 6. responsible | _____        | F. interesting because it is from a far-away country |
| 7. time zone   | _____        | G. to get used to                                    |
| 8. adjust to   | _____        | H. to make someone want to do something              |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.

1. Mr. Smith worked very hard. It \_\_\_\_\_ that he is tired now.
2. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ my kids to study hard at school.
3. My birthday is an \_\_\_\_\_ event. It happens every year.
4. Do you think you could \_\_\_\_\_ life in a different country?
5. Our boss will \_\_\_\_\_ the new information tomorrow.
6. As a parent, I am \_\_\_\_\_ for my children.
7. For most people, lions and tigers are \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
8. When it 3:00 here, it's 6:00 in India. India is in a different \_\_\_\_\_.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Topic: Jobs and Work

# The Most Stressful Jobs



Recently, my nine-year-old son proudly **announced**<sup>1</sup> to me that he wanted to become a commercial airline pilot when he grows up. I'm happy for him because he spends hours reading books about airplanes, and he loves to play airplane game apps. It's great to know what career you want at such a young age. As well, the average **annual**<sup>2</sup> salary for an airline pilot is quite good: US\$105,270. Also, being an airline pilot means that you might travel to many **exotic**<sup>3</sup> locations around the world, places that most people might never get a chance to see. However, I wonder if his choice of career is one that I should **encourage**<sup>4</sup>. You see, this morning I googled "most stressful jobs" and I discovered that my son's dream career is actually the third most stressful job on a list of top ten most stressful jobs. This **makes sense**<sup>5</sup> because as a pilot you are **responsible for**<sup>6</sup> the lives of hundreds of people, you are away from home for many days at a time, and you may have to fly through many different **time zones**<sup>7</sup> which can be very difficult to **adjust to**<sup>8</sup>. Number one on the list was "military personnel" (soldier) and number two was "firefighter". Of course, jobs like these are very dangerous – you must put your life in danger almost daily. Interestingly, however, "taxi driver" was also on the list (at number ten).

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### Grammar Practice

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- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

Recently, my nine-year-old son proudly announced to me that he wanted to become a commercial airline pilot when he (1)\_\_\_\_\_. I'm happy for him because he spends hours reading books (2)\_\_\_\_\_ airplanes, and he loves to play airplane game apps. It's great to (3)\_\_\_\_\_ what career you want at such a young age. As well, the average annual salary (4)\_\_\_\_\_ an airline pilot is quite good: US\$105,270. Also, being an airline pilot means that you might travel to many exotic locations around (5)\_\_\_\_\_ world, places that most people might never get a chance to see. However, I wonder if (6)\_\_\_\_\_ choice of career is one that I should encourage. You see, this morning I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ "most stressful jobs" and I discovered that my son's dream career is actually the (8)\_\_\_\_\_ most stressful job on a list of top ten most stressful jobs. This makes sense because, as a pilot (9)\_\_\_\_\_ responsible for the lives of hundreds of people, you are away from home for many days at a time, and you may (10)\_\_\_\_\_ to fly through many different time zones which can be very difficult to adjust to. Number one on the list was "military personnel" (soldier) and number two was "firefighter". Of course, jobs like (11)\_\_\_\_\_ are very dangerous – you must (12)\_\_\_\_\_ your life in danger almost daily. Interestingly, however, "taxi driver" was also on the list (at number ten).

1.  
(A) grows up  
(B) grow up  
(C) is growing up

2.  
(A) for  
(B) about  
(C) into

3.  
(A) know  
(B) knows  
(C) knew

4.  
(A) at  
(B) to  
(C) for

5.  
(A) that  
(B) a  
(C) the

6.  
(A) him  
(B) his  
(C) he's

7.  
(A) googled  
(B) googles  
(C) google

8.  
(A) third  
(B) three  
(C) thirdly

9.  
(A) yours  
(B) your  
(C) you are

10.  
(A) has  
(B) have  
(C) had

11.  
(A) they  
(B) their  
(C) these

12.  
(A) puts  
(B) put  
(C) putting

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## How Much Do You Understand?



● Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The main idea of the article is how to choose a good job.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ You can make more than \$100,000 per month as a pilot.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The article says that exotic countries are dangerous.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The article suggests it might be stressful to be away from your home.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The article says it's more stressful to be a soldier than a pilot.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The article says driving a taxi can be interesting.

## Discuss

● Discuss the following questions with your classmates.

1. Can you think of six other stressful jobs that might be on the list?
2. What job would you like to have? Is it a stressful job? Why? / Why not?
3. In what ways can driving a taxi be stressful?

## Write

● Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.

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