



# Work and Employment

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# Hot Air Balloon Debate



- A hot air balloon carrying eight passengers is drifting over a rough sea swarmed by sharks.
- Suddenly, the balloon begins to descend rapidly. To stay airborne and avoid crashing, one person must be thrown out of the balloon.
- Decide who should be the ONE.

# Characters

- A Scout boy
- A Doctor
- A Priest
- A Nurse
- A Volunteer
- A Teacher
- A Politician
- A Famous singer



- The scout boy should ... .. because ... ..  
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- The doctor should ... .. because ... ..
- The Priest should ... .. because ... ..
- The nurse should ... .. because ... ..
- The volunteer should ... .. because ... ..  
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- The teacher should ... .. because ... ..
- The politician should ... .. because ... ..  
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- The famous singer should ... .. because  
... ..

# Hot Air Balloon Characters



## The Scout Boy

Age: 13

- **Traits:** Brave, resourceful, idealistic
- **Backstory:** A young but remarkably skilled Scout who's learned survival techniques, first aid, and how to stay calm under pressure. Though inexperienced, he represents the future.
- **Argument:** "I may be young, but I've got my whole life ahead of me—and I'm trained to help in emergencies. I could grow up to do great things."

## The Doctor

Age: 45

- **Traits:** Intelligent, calm under pressure, experienced
- **Backstory:** A seasoned emergency physician who has saved countless lives in disaster zones and hospitals alike.
- **Argument:** "If I survive, I can save many more lives in the future. My skills are rare and critical in any crisis."

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- **The Priest**
- **Age:** 60
- **Traits:** Compassionate, wise, spiritual
- **Backstory:** A well-respected community leader who offers counsel, comfort, and guidance to people in distress.
- **Argument:** “In times of chaos, people need spiritual support. My role is to guide souls and keep hope alive.”

- **The Nurse**
- **Age:** 30
- **Traits:** Empathetic, selfless, efficient
- **Backstory:** A dedicated ICU nurse who has worked tirelessly through pandemics and crises.
- **Argument:** “I care for people on the front lines. I have the hands-on skills and heart to make a real difference.”

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## The Volunteer

**Age:** 28

- **Traits:** Altruistic, adaptable, community-driven
- **Backstory:** A full-time humanitarian aid worker who travels to disaster zones, war areas, and impoverished regions to offer help.
- **Argument:** “I risk my life to help others, no matter the situation. My mission is to serve wherever I’m needed most.”

## The Teacher

**Age:** 38

- **Traits:** Knowledgeable, nurturing, passionate
- **Backstory:** A high school teacher dedicated to educating underserved youth and preparing them for brighter futures.
- **Argument:** “Knowledge is power. I shape the next generation and pass on the wisdom needed to solve tomorrow’s problems.”

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## The Politician

Age: 50

- **Traits:** Charismatic, strategic, ambitious
- **Backstory:** An elected official who claims to work for the people, advocating for large-scale change and policy reform.
- **Argument:** “With my influence, I can impact thousands of lives. Leadership is crucial in rebuilding after crisis.”

## The Famous Film Star

Age: 35

- **Traits:** Glamorous, persuasive, influential
- **Backstory:** A globally recognized actor known for blockbuster films and millions of devoted fans. Beyond the screen, they’re also involved in charity work and media campaigns.
- **Argument:** “I have the platform to influence millions. Through my voice, I raise awareness for important causes. My survival keeps hope alive for countless fans—and I can use my fame for good.”





# EXPRESSING OPINIONS

## Expressing a Personal Opinion

- In my opinion,...
- I feel that...
- I would say that...
- It seems to me that...
- I am of the opinion that ...
- Speaking personally...
- As I see it...
- Well, if you ask me...
- In my view...
- I think that...



## Giving Reasons

- I tell you all this because ...
- I base my argument on ...
- I'm already thinking that because ...

## Expressing Personal Doubt

- I'm not sure if ...
- I'm not satisfied that ...
- I'm not convinced that...
- I doubt that ...



## Expressing Disagreement

- I'm sorry but I'm of a different opinion.
- I don't agree with you about ...
- Sorry, I can't accept your opinion that ...





# EXPRESSING OPINIONS

## Agreement Expressions

- There is no doubt about it...
- I completely / absolutely agree with you.
- I agree with you entirely.
- I totally agree with you.
- I simply must agree with that.
- I am of the same opinion.
- I am of the same opinion.
- That's exactly what I think.



## Disagreement Expressions

- I don't agree with you.
- I'm sorry, but I disagree.
- I'm afraid, I can't agree with you.
- The problem is that...
- I (very much) doubt whether...
- This is in complete contradiction to...
- With all due respect,...
- I am of a different opinion because ...
- I cannot share this / that / the view.
- I cannot agree with this idea.
- What I object to is...
- I have my own thoughts about that.

## Partial Agreement Expressions

- It is only partly true that...
- That's true, but...
- I can agree with that only with reservations.
- That seems obvious, but...
- That is not necessarily so.
- It is not as simple as it seems.
- I agree with you in principle, but...
- I agree with you in part, but...
- Well, you could be right.

# Jobs in 2025 and Jobs in the next 15 years



**What can you predict about the following?**

- The 10 Most Popular Dream Jobs For 2025, Many With Six Figures
- Jobs of the future: What will our children be doing in 2040?

**Read the following articles.**

The 10 Most Popular Dream Jobs For 2025, Many With Six Figures

- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/bryanrobinson/2025/03/10/the-10-most-popular-dream-jobs-for-2025-many-with-six-figures/>

Jobs of the future: What will our children be doing in 2040?

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmxgwsg>
- Are your predictions correct? Do you agree with the ideas and predictions mentioned in the texts? Why or why not?

# A Sample Essay: My Dream Job

## **My Dream Job – A Veterinarian**

- Ever since I was a child, I have loved animals. My dream job is to become a veterinarian, someone who heals and cares for sick and injured animals. I imagine myself wearing a white coat, gently examining a scared puppy or comforting a wounded bird. The clinic smells like disinfectant, and the soft whimpering of pets fills the air. Every day would be different—sometimes joyful, like watching a kitten take its first steps, and sometimes sad, like saying goodbye to an old friend. But I know it would always be meaningful. I want to be the person animals can trust and their owners can rely on. Being a veterinarian means using science, compassion, and patience to make a difference, and that's exactly the life I want.

# Learning at Leisure



**Read the sample essay: “My Dream Job”.**

- Notice the paragraph structure.
- Notice the tenses and sentences.
- Notice the vocabulary.
- Notice the style – formal or informal.

**Read the articles.**

- Check if your predictions are correct.
- Do you agree with the ideas mentioned.

**Write an essay on “My Dream Job” (150 – 200 words).**

- Use the descriptive essay structure.
- Use the language for work and employment learnt from the story and from other sources.

# Sources

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