



Lesson 95: Occupations

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

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| occupation | (N) | a job | Nursing can be a very tiring occupation . |
| promote | (V) | to make something become more popular usually by advertising it | We plan to promote economic growth through research and development. |
| medical technician | (N) | a person who does practical work in a hospital | They recommended a good medical technician that I could consult for my urine test. |
| pregnant | (ADJ) | when a person is carrying a developing baby in their body | You can clearly see that she is pregnant . |
| pursue | (V) | to try to do or achieve something | She is explaining what marketing strategy the company will pursue . |
| nursing | (N) | the profession of taking care of people who are sick or injured | He is studying nursing now, but after a few years, he's going to study medicine because he really wants to be a doctor. |
| business administration | (N) | the study of how to run a business | I think business administration suits you since you love doing different forms of business with different people. |



Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

A graduate student is conducting an interview with a businessman.



Hannah

Good afternoon, Mr. Smith. First, I would like to thank you for giving us time for this interview despite your very busy schedule.



Mr. Smith

It's my pleasure. What is your name?



Hannah

I am Hannah Crawford, sir. Can I ask a few things about your job as a businessman? Our topic is about occupations and tasks. What are the basic tasks of a businessman?



Mr. Smith

Sure. Different businessmen can have different objectives. In my case, I focus on marketing and trading. I find new ways to promote my company's products to our target market. With regard to trading, we focus on commerce and which products we should buy and sell.



Hannah

How about your parents? If you don't mind me asking, what do they do?



Mr. Smith

Sure. My parents are both in the medical field. My father is a medical technician. He is a medical laboratory scientist, who analyzes and tests body fluids and tissues. My mother is an obstetrician and gynecologist. She works with a lot of pregnant women.



Hannah

Wow, so you come from a family of doctors. I wonder why you didn't pursue a medical career.





Mr. Smith

Well, I wanted to have my own path. My sister is a dentist, so everyone else in my family practices medicine. Honestly, I took a nursing course when I was in college, and I realized it was not my thing. So, I pursued a career in business administration.

Check your understanding:

- What does Mr. Smith do for a living?
- What do his parents do?
- What course did Mr. Smith take when he was in college?

Exercise 03

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You are a reporter for a business magazine, and your teacher is a successful businessperson.
- Ask him/her questions about his/her career.

Exercise 04

Discussion

- 1) What is your dream career? Why does this career appeal to you?
- 2) Were you influenced by your parents when choosing an occupation, or have you chosen your own path?
- 3) What do you think is the highest paying occupation?
- 4) What factors should one consider when choosing an occupation? Which factors are most important?
- 5) Which would you prefer: a high-paying job that requires you to work long hours or a job with good hours and an average salary?

