

Advice Column

problems about *jobs and occupations*

- Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.



Ask Anita!

Dear Anita,

I'm 18 years old and I've always wanted to be a police officer. But my father is a lawyer and he strongly suggests that I also become a lawyer. He says that being a police officer is dangerous and that the salary as a lawyer is much better. He says that I am free to choose any job that I want, but I know that he will be very unhappy if I become a police officer. What should I do?

Anne

Dear Anita,

I just graduated from high school and I should be very happy, but I'm not. All of my friends know what kinds of jobs they want. Some of my friends are going to study to become doctors, some are going to become engineers, some are going to become business people. My best friend Sarah is even going to become an astronaut! My problem is this: I have no idea what kind of job I want and no idea what I should study. How can I know what to do with the rest of my

life? What can I do to help me decide what subjects to study and what kind of job I want in the future?

Elizabeth

Dear Anita,

I'm 50 years old and I have been a farmer for 32 years. I enjoy my job and the life that goes with it – I like getting up early and working hard and going to bed early. And I enjoy working outside and watching things grow.

My problem is that I want to be an artist or maybe an actor. Do you think I should sell the farm and try something new? Both my children are grown up now, but my wife might not be very happy about the change.

John



- Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?