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READING: The Most Stressful Jobs

Vocabulary Preview

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

1. announce ___________________________ 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. _____________________________________________
The Most Stressful Jobs

Recently, my nine-year-old son proudly announced 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 salary for an airline pilot is quite good: US$105,270. Also, being an airline pilot means that you might travel to many exotic 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. 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 because as a pilot you are responsible for 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 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 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
The Most Stressful Jobs

● Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

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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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## Reading Lesson

### Topics: Jobs and Work

#### Lesson “The Most Stressful Jobs”

**Grammar Focus**
Mixed (includes modals such as ‘might’ / ‘must’ / ‘should’)

**Vocabulary**
- 234 words
  - A1 words-72% / A2 words-13% / B1 words-8% / B2 words- 4%
  - AWL Words in this text: adjust, annual, military, stress, location

**Level**
Intermediate – Upper Intermediate (CEFR B1 to B2)

### ANSWER KEY Page 1

1. E 1. makes sense
2. B 2. encourage
3. F 3. annual
4. H 4. adjust to
5. A 5. announce
6. C 6. responsible
7. D 7. exotic
8. G 8. time zone

### ANSWER KEY Page 3

#### Grammar Exercise

1. A 7. A
2. B 8. A
3. A 9. C
5. C 11. C

### ANSWER KEY Page 4

#### How Much Do You Understand?

1. F (The article is about stressful jobs.)
2. T
3. F (This is not mentioned.)
4. T
5. T
6. F (The article doesn’t say this.)

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