

STORIES OF INSPIRED YOUTH

JOBS AND CAREERS

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1. BY OSVALDO ESTRADA

I interviewed Jen, my tutor. She works as a service associate at a gym. The things she does on her job are check people in and rent out sports equipment. She likes her job because she meets new people. The thing that frustrates her is to deal with angry people. To get hired she had to get an interview with her bosses and a high school diploma. If someone would

want her job and go talk to her, she would say they need good people skills and interest in physical fitness.

2. BY MARIBEL SANCHEZ: JOB INTERVIEW

I interviewed Mr. Rish. He is an 8th grade teacher. Mr. Rish loves to work with kids. The most challenging thing he thinks is planning and grading papers. Some training that he went to was Loyola University. The reason he chose to be a teacher is because he loves kids. Some advice he would give to anyone who wants to be a teacher is it's a great career. You get to meet nice teachers, and you also need a lot of patience.

3. BY NANCY TERCERO: PEDIATRICIAN

A pediatrician takes care of babies and children. The best part of their job is helping children feel better. But it is hard to take care of the babies because they cry. Pediatricians have to go to college for a long time. They choose this job because they want to take care of children and babies. It is a lot of school and hard work but it is very fun, too.

4. BY BRENDA HERNANDEZ

The person's career or job is tax intern. In his job he deals with government taxes. The best thing that he likes about his job is he gets to do a lot of math. The challenging part of his job is he has many tasks and many things to do. For he can get his job is he took college level accounting classes. He chose the job because he is interested in taxes. It would be a good career.

5. BY FRHIWET NEGASSI

The person's career or job is the children's librarian. She helps people with research and story time and orders books for the library. She likes telling people stories and helping people answer questions. There are many things to do and always to be done. She needed a Masters' Degree in Library Science and special studies in children's literature. She enjoys helping people and she enjoys telling stories. She needs people who are creative and enjoy helping people.

6. BY URIEL DOMINGUEZ

I am going to talk about a research assistant. She collects data and she does data entries. What she likes about the job are the people because I guess she likes to meet new people. What is challenging from the job she thinks is long hours. The education she used and training she needed to be hired or accepted for the job is she has to have a 3.50 GPA. She wanted the job because she was interested in teenagers. If somebody would be thinking of that job she would say that it is rewarding.

7. BY SHONESHA JONES

The person's career is a singer. The person sings and performs. They like to sing and hear all their fans scream. Singers hate getting their shows cancelled sometimes. They had to take choir, public speaking, and reading music. I chose this job because I love to sing and perform in front of people. They would say follow your dream because you can do anything you put your mind to.

8. BY HIRUT NEGASSI: MY INTERVIEW WITH A LIBRARIAN

The Bezazian Library is a place for children to read books. I interviewed Mrs. Karen. She is the children's librarian. She helps people with research and story time. She also orders books for the children. The best thing she likes about her job is telling people stories and helping people answer questions. Her challenge at work is that there are many things to do and always to be done.

She chose to be a library because she enjoys helping people and telling stories. Mrs. Karen needed a Masters' Degree in Library Science with special studies in children's literature to be hired as children's librarian. To a person thinking about a career as a librarian, Mrs. Karen says we need more people who are creative and enjoy helping people.

9. BY MICHELLE MARTINEZ

Some people's job is being a teacher. They help by teaching kids reading and writing. Their favorite part is helping kids. A challenge they have is working long hours. Their training is going to the university and getting a teaching certificate. They choose that job because they like working with kids. They wanted to be that because patience and like working with kids.

10. BY ASIA JOHNSON, JOBS AND CAREERS

The person's career or job is a nurse. The thing that she does is work in the emergency room. She likes hanging out with friends and seeing new people. The challenging thing about her job is when crazy people come and start to curse at her. She had to do it for a long time. She would say you would have to go for long years to college and have to know how to not talk back to people.

11. BY JASMINE TRIPP

My tutor will be a 2nd grade teacher in the year of 2007. She has worked at schools, making lesson plans and working with groups and individual students.

The best thing she likes about her job is working with children and getting to know them better. When students don't listen, it is very challenging for

her to do her job.

My tutor has been training for four years. She has taken four state tests. She chose the job because she likes working with people and she wants to help students succeed.

If there was a person thinking about being a teacher, they have to take education seriously and go the extra mile to help the students.

12. BY FABRICIO SALAZAR

I think that being a teacher is a nice job because you get a lot of money. Being a teacher for me is not a hard job. I think that if somebody is a teacher, they are going to not like their career but love it. I think that teachers scream a lot so that's why I think some teachers are haters.

Some teachers are very lazy. I once had a teacher and she didn't want to teach us nothing. She just wanted to sit at her chair and do nothing. We had to write the whole dictionary for no reason.

13. BY ASHTON BROWN

Lebron James' job is basketball. He plays basketball. They like to win their games. The hardest thing is making 3 pointers. He has to pass college in order to play basketball. He chose that job because he likes to play it. If you want to be a basketball player you have to work hard at it and stay in school.

14. BY DAYSY DIAZ

1. The person I interview is an eight grade teacher.
2. He teaches reading, writing and helps in science.
3. His favorite part of his job is to work with kids.
4. Most challenging part is to do a lot of preparation.
5. He had to go to college and work in teacher training.
6. He chose the job because he likes to teach kids.
7. To be a teacher you need to be patience, work hard and stay in school.

15. BY SBHAT NEGASSI: PARALEGAL

I interviewed my tutor, and his name is Chris. He works as a paralegal. He helps people who are lawyers. He also helps people who are hurt by asbestos. His job is challenging because he has to convince judges. In order to do this job he had to go to college and study about law. Since he wanted to be a paralegal, he had to study hard.

16. BY MARCO SUAREZ

Their job is professional wrestling. His name is David Batista. In their job,

they have to pin their opponent so they could win. The thing they like the best about their job is winning titles. The most challenging thing about their job is getting injured. The education and training they do to be hired is to be strong or P.E. They chose this job because it's fun and active. The thing they will tell a person who's trying this career is to keep trying until you win.

17. BY MARIA ESTRADA

I interviewed a person who works at Starbucks. She is a supervisor at Starbucks. She makes coffee at Starbucks. She helps customers. She likes to work with people. She has some friends at Starbucks. The challenging thing about her job is when some customers get angry at her, especially the customers come at 5 a.m. And she has to graduate from high school to work at Starbucks. They give you a big book to read to train you for the job. She had to read another big book to become a supervisor. They even pay her very well. She likes the job because there's a good chance for promotion, and a flexible schedule to help her be a good student and a worker. You can work for ever to make a career at Starbucks. It's a rewarding job. She has this job to help pay for college. After college she would like to teach English in high school.

18. BY LUIS ENRIQUE LOPEZ

Her job is a 6, 7, and 8th grade teacher. She works with student to learn about other countries and politics. She likes summer vacation and winter break. The hardest thing about teaching is students who are resistant to learn. It's harder to teach them. Teachers need a Masters Degree and a Bachelors Degree. [She got degrees] from DePaul University. She choose the job to teach because she wanted to help people.

19. BY SALVADOR PRADO

I would like to be a video game tester. I'd like this job because I'd think it would be fun. Everyone likes this job because you get to test new video games. The best thing about this job is long hours. People have to sit at the couch all day. I would think this is a fun job. If someone was thinking about this career I would tell them there's long hours.

20. BY ANAYELI AGUILAR I interviewed Mr. Rish. His career is a teacher. He teaches 8th grade. He teaches reading and writing and he is a helper in science and writing. What Mr. Rish likes about his job is working with kids every day. The challenging part of their job is all the preparation. He went to a university for a teacher's certification. He chose this job because he likes helping students learn. He would say to someone who wanted to teach to be patient, work hard, and stay in school.

21. BY FERMIN ESTRADA

The person's name that I interviewed is A. Martinez and she is a social psychologist. A social psychologist listens to people's problems and tries to help them through therapy.

Dr. Martinez' job is to listen to people's problems. She uses different therapy methods to help her patients overcome their issues. What Dr. Martinez likes best about her job is making a difference in the way different people view their lives. The most challenging job for Dr. Martinez is finding a solution that best fits a person's individual needs.

To be a social psychologist you need many years of school. First you need to complete four years of college to get your Bachelor's of Science. Second, you need two years for a Master's degree. Finally, two more years for a Doctorate. Dr. Martinez chose the job because she likes to help people. For someone who would like to be a social psychologist in the future they would have to have a lot of patience and tolerance for people.

I think that is an interesting job. In the future I would like to learn about psychology.

22. BY SAM MURPHY

The person's job is a policeman. He patrols and deals with emergencies. The best part about their job is free food, salary, and helping people. The most challenging part about their job is getting shot, working long hours, and worrying about getting injured. Police have to be educated. They attend police academy and take police exams. They chose this job to protect and serve others. Because they are fearful, and they always wanted to be a policeman since they were a child. They would say to a person stay away from drugs and do not drop out of school if you want to be a policeman.

23. BY ANTOINE CONLEY

The person is a case worker. He works with families. What he likes best about their job is working with people. What is challenging about their job is trying to meet all the needs and requirements of the job.

24. BY GUSTAVO VALENCIA

I am interviewing a school psychologist. Her name is Julie Nesheim. She helps students who have trouble with anger and family problems.

25. BY ALAZE CONLEY: WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP

I want to be a teacher because I like kids. I am going to be a great teacher to my kids in my class. I love to do all the subjects. I love to be a teacher

because I can run off sheets of paper for my kids. I would be a nice teacher anyone heard.

26. BY MARCO SUAREZ

I want to be an astronaut because I want to see Earth from outer space. I also want to be an astronaut so I could find some aliens. But I also want to be a professional soccer player. I want to be a soccer player because I want to be the world's best soccer player. And if I am I'll be famous all around the world because they play soccer all around the world.

27. BY ANDRE TRIPP

A fireman's job is very dangerous. It is very easy to get hurt because you have to save other people's lives. You can get burned from the fires. You can fall off the ladder when you are on the ladder trying to save somebody from a higher floor.

What they like best about their job is eating lunch and saving people, but eating lunch isn't that easy. In order to eat, they have to clean, shop, prepare food, and cook.

If you're thinking about a job being a fireman, you should know that you have to go to training. You will have to be fit. You will have to be in dangerous situations to save lives. If you agree with all of these then you should be one.