

Overview

Watch the video podcast. What dreams or ambitions do you have in common with the speakers?

- 1** Read the questions about Val and watch the video podcast from 0:10-0:28. Circle the correct answers.

1 What does Val do?

She's a) a musician at the BBC b) a producer at the BBC.

2 Is it her dream job?

a) Yes. b) No.

3 What's she always wanted to do?

She's always wanted to be a) in a successful band. b) the best producer at the BBC.

4 What's she going to talk to people about today?

a) Their dreams. b) Dream jobs.



- 2** *What do you do?* Check the names of the jobs. Then watch the video podcast from 0:28 to 0:55 and number the jobs the speakers mention in order, 1-8. There are SIX extra jobs.

a teacher	1	a history and math teacher	_____	a vet	_____
a Salvation Army minister	_____	a student nurse	_____	a footballer	_____
a cellist	_____	an architectural technologist	_____	a solicitor	_____
a guitarist	_____	a stand-up comedian	_____	a brass instrument repairer	_____
		a student	_____	a paediatrician	_____

Glossary: *maths vs math* = British and American English variations; *Salvation Army* = worldwide Christian church and charity which provides social care; *minister* = a religious (or political) leader; *cellist* = plays the cello; *architectural technologist* = provides design services to architects; *solicitor* = a lawyer

- 3** *What did you dream of doing, or being, when you were younger?* Look at the people in the photos and read the jobs in the box in Ex. 2 again. Then watch the video podcast from 0:57-2:12 and write the correct dream jobs in spaces 1-6. The speakers sometimes mention TWO jobs.



Susan

1 I wanted to be a teacher.



Paul

2 I wanted to be ...



Philippe

3 I wanted to be ...



Elizabeth

4 I wanted to be ...



Fawn

5 I wanted to be ...



Luke

6 I wanted to be ...

4 Practise saying all of the jobs in Ex. 2 aloud. Watch the video podcast again from 0:28-2:12 to help you.

5 Is your job a dream job? Are you ambitious? Look at the people and read the possible answers. Then watch the second half of the video podcast from 2:13-3:31 and tick the correct answers.



Susan

- 1 Susan has a dream job because
 - a) there's a lot of variety. ✓
 - b) it's different.
- 2 She isn't as ambitious in her job as she used to be because she's more interested in...
 - a) working on her own art.
 - b) helping other people with their art.



Philippe

- 1 It's a dream for Philippe to work in the music industry because ...
 - a) his father is a professional musician.
 - b) it will help him achieve his overall dream to be a professional cellist.



Fawn

- 1 Nursing is Fawn's dream job because she...
 - a) likes hard work.
 - b) gets a lot of job satisfaction.
- 2 She wants to get quite high up in her job and...
 - a) earn a good salary.
 - b) move house.



Phil

- 1 Phil thinks he has a dream job because ...
 - a) nobody tells him what to do.
 - b) he can be creative and do what he likes best.
- 2 He's ambitious in his job and likes to...
 - a) be able to make his own decisions
 - b) do a lot of different things.

Glossary: *achieve your overall dream* = succeed in making your whole dream come true; *get high up in a job* = get promoted to a good position

The way we speak

6 The people in the pictures talk about their childhood dreams. Read and complete what they say with the words from the box. Then watch the video podcast from 0:57-2:12 and check your answers.

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get	as	starting	of	later on



Paul

I wanted to be a footballer. That's ¹what I wanted to do. I wanted to play for Liverpool or Arsenal, and I was quite good, but not good ² _____.



Philippe

³ _____ I was a child, I dreamt ⁴ _____ being a professional cellist and ⁵ _____ to whatever audience I could, within orchestras or on my own as a soloist.



Luke

⁶ _____ a child, I used to play a lot of guitar. So, I dreamt of becoming, ⁷ _____ a band, and becoming a world-famous guitarist.



Barry

When I was younger, I loved sports and I envisioned some kind of a career in sports – professionally, perhaps. ⁸ _____, I was thinking of business, in the business realm and ⁹ _____ I came away with serving people: that was my dream job and I ¹⁰ _____ to do that through the Salvation Army.

Glossary: *audience* = people who watch a performance; *a soloist* = musician who performs a solo (alone); *to envision* = imagine; *realm* = area of activity; *get to* (informal) = be able to

Personalisation

7 Write your answers to the questions.

1 What do you do?

2 What did you dream of doing, or being, when you were younger?

3 Would you describe your job as a dream job? Why / Why not?

4 Are you ambitious? If so, in what way(s) are you ambitious?

BBC LINK



A British man has won a competition to win 'the world's best job'.
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/8035168.stm>

