

**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 <sup>1</sup>*what* I wanted to do. I wanted to play for Liverpool or Arsenal, and I was quite good, but not good <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ .



Philippe

<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I was a child, I dreamt <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ being a professional cellist and <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to whatever audience I could, within orchestras or on my own as a soloist.



Luke

<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a child, I used to play a lot of guitar. So, I dreamt of becoming, <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I was thinking of business, in the business realm and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I came away with serving people: that was my dream job and I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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?

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

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

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

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### 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>

