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THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET

If a job is worth doing,
it's worth doing well.

A PROVERB

UNIT LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Vocabulary:

- Show what you know – job titles
- employment – phrasal verbs, collocations, word families
- adjectives to describe jobs
- linking phrases
- Word in focus – at

Grammar:

- Reported Speech
- reporting verbs

Listening:

- an interview on the future of work
- people talking about their jobs
- multiple matching

Reading:

- a literary text about men's and women's roles
- multiple choice

Speaking:

- discussing problems and solutions, expressing annoyance

Writing:

- an article

FOCUS EXTRA

- Grammar Focus pp. 136–137
- WORD STORE booklet pp. 10–11
- Workbook pp. 64–77 or MyEnglishLab
- MP3s – www.english.com/focus

5.1 Vocabulary

Employment • Phrasal verbs • Collocations • Word families

I can talk about work and employment.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 In pairs, try to note down a job title for each letter of the alphabet. How many can you think of in two minutes?
accountant beautician civil servant detective
- 2 In pairs, choose three jobs from your list and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each one. Compare the following:
 - requirements (qualifications/training/experience)
 - terms and conditions (salary/working hours/place of work)

The return of the Best Job

In 2009 Ben Southall applied for 'The Best Job in the World' and after a rigorous selection process, he **was taken on** as Island Caretaker on the Great Barrier Reef. The dream post was not just an opportunity to **pick up** new surfing skills: it came with a pay packet of \$150,000 for six months'

work, and accommodation in a five-million-dollar villa on Hamilton Island, off the coast of Queensland Australia.

Ben's 2009 contract expired long ago, but Tourism Queensland decided to **keep him on** as their official Ambassador. The new role that he **took up** still involves travelling and blogging about his adventures.

In 2013 as he **stepped down from** his Island Caretaker job and became an official Ambassador for Tourism Queensland, he said this: 'Unfortunately for me, my time is up. But luckily for the world "The Best Job in the World" is back. It was one of the most successful tourism campaigns in recent times, so they decided to do it again but this time they're recruiting for several vacancies around Australia!'

The successful applicant for each job was paid a six-month package of up to \$100,000, including living expenses. More than 330,000 people from 196 countries expressed interest in the dream jobs, and Tourism Australia had to deal with more than 40,000 video applications. A final shortlist of eighteen candidates **was drawn up** and they were flown in to Australia for interview.

The aim of the promo was to push Australia's lucrative holiday industry and target the international youth market from around the world – they wanted to attract people on holiday but also employ people who wanted to work, helping to fill many vacant posts in the tourism industry. Here are four of the jobs and the lucky people who were hired to do them:

Allan, Ireland



OUTBACK ADVENTURER DUTIES

This role requires a sense of adventure – his job is to uncover the best holiday experiences in the Outback of Northern Australia.

PERKS

Being immersed in indigenous Aboriginal culture.

Roberto, Brazil

LIFESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHER DUTIES

He's responsible for documenting Melbourne's unique culture and lifestyle.

PERKS

Trying out the coolest dining places in Melbourne.