

Unit 2 What do you do?

Video script

What do you need to think about when choosing a career? How do you know which job is best for you? Think about your personality.

Do you like working with others? If so, what about a job like Josie's? Josie became a police officer because she likes working with a variety of people. She usually works with a team of other officers to patrol the streets. It's a challenging job because police officers meet a lot of different people and they're not always easy to deal with, but at least that makes the job interesting! Sometimes it can be dangerous and so it's important to work well with your colleagues. Josie gets on really well with her colleagues and also earns a good salary, so she is happy with her career. Her husband is also a police officer and they always talk about work at home.

Perhaps you're creative or like to work independently? This is Chris. He's a journalist who spends a lot of time working from home. Would you like a career like his? Journalism is an interesting job, but you have to be very hard-working and motivated. You have to speak to a lot of different people and you have to do a lot of research. You also have to write quickly. Chris works from home and doesn't see many people during the day, so his job can be lonely. But when he's writing he doesn't think about that because he loves his job so much.

Are you a caring person? Do you like the idea of working with people who need help after an accident? Have you thought about a career like Harry's? Harry is a physiotherapist. He works with people who have physical problems, for example with their neck or back. He also works with people who are having difficulties after a serious accident. Physiotherapists work with all sorts of people – young children, teenagers, adults and older people. They also work in many different places, including hospitals, people's homes or places of work. To be a physiotherapist you have to be patient and hard-working, but it's a very rewarding job.

Do you like the idea of being your own boss? Are you creative and good with your hands? Perhaps you might like a career like Jenny's. Jenny is a florist. She's been running her own business for over ten years. When Jenny was younger she worked in an office, but she always liked gardening and being creative. Her dream was to become a florist. Today she works six days a week. Now that her daughter has finished school, she sometimes helps out. Jenny's customers buy flowers for special occasions, such as a wedding, an anniversary or a new baby.

Whatever career you choose, it's important to do something you really enjoy. Life's too short to be doing a job you don't like!