



6 What would turn your job into a dream job? Look at these alternatives and choose the ones you would prefer.

- 1 a A big fat pay rise so you earn twice your current salary
b Six months paid holiday each year
- 2 a The fastest computer in the company – one that would never freeze or go down
b Free training in whatever you want to learn, for example, acupuncture, deep sea fishing, poker
- 3 a A promotion to your boss's job
b A powerful new boss who listens to you and acts on all your suggestions
- 4 a Being allowed to bring your pets to work
b Being allowed to bring your children to work
- 5 a Free company day care for your children or elderly parents
b Free membership of a luxury gym with your own personal trainer
- 6 a Polite and helpful colleagues
b Customers who think you're wonderful
- 7 a Being allowed to work from home whenever you want
b Your own large office with comfortable seating, a coffee machine, a private bathroom and wonderful view from the windows
- 8 a A company car with your own personal driver
b Permission to borrow the company jet to fly you and your family wherever you want, whenever you want

7 Work in pairs or small groups. Say which alternatives you would and would not prefer in exercise 6. Then ask questions about your partners' choices and find out what is important to them.

I'd prefer (not) to ...

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A: *I'd rather have six months paid holiday each year.*

B: *But what would you do with all your free time?*

A: *I'd love it. I'd read a lot of books and relax. Perhaps I'd travel a bit.*

B: *Wouldn't you get bored?*

A: *Never.*

Speaking: Job swap

8 Think of someone you know who has an unusual or interesting job. For example, someone you work with, a family member or friend. Work in groups. Take turns describing what they do. Would you like to have their job? Why?/Why not?



9 Imagine you could swap jobs with anyone in the world. Who would you like to swap with? Why?

Writing: Choosing alternatives

10 You are going to visit your London office next week. The people there want to know what you would prefer to do. Write an email to them.

Tell them if you would prefer to ...

- fly in on Sunday and stay in a hotel, or fly in very early on Monday morning.
- stay in a hotel in the city centre or a hotel near the office.
- make your presentation with your own computer or use one they can provide.

TALKING POINT

Would you want to have any of these jobs: an astronaut, a comedian, a video games tester, a magician's assistant, the president of your country? Why?/Why not?