Unit 1

♦ Talking about your Occupation
♦ Verb + ing
♦ Likes & Dislikes
Read the story and answer the questions with complete sentences.

Anh Nguyen and Jose Avila were at work at the Main Street Café. The café was a restaurant in Hollywood, California. Jose was washing dishes and Anh was waiting on tables. When Anh came back into the kitchen, she started to talk with Jose.

Anh didn’t like her job very much. She and Jose talked about their future plans and the work they did in their countries. Anh was a florist in Vietnam. She wanted to open a flower shop in Los Angeles. Jose was a student in Mexico. He told Anh that he wanted to go to college in the U.S. to become a lawyer.

1. Where were Anh and Jose working?

_________________________________________________________________________

2. Where did Anh want to work?

_________________________________________________________________________

3. What did Anh do in Vietnam?

_________________________________________________________________________

4. Did Jose want to be a lawyer?

_________________________________________________________________________

5. What did Jose do in Mexico?

_________________________________________________________________________
HOPES FOR THE FUTURE — Part 2

While Anh and Jose were talking, Sonia walked in. Sonia was the cook at the restaurant, but she was very unhappy. She didn’t like her job in the kitchen. She was tired of all the customers’ complaints. In her country, she was a radio announcer in Moscow.

She really wanted to become a television reporter here. She knew that it was difficult to get a job in television, but it was her dream. After they discussed their dreams, Anh, Jose and Sonia went back to work.

1. What kind of job did Sonia want?

_____________________________________________________________________

2. What did Sonia do in Moscow?

_____________________________________________________________________

3. What job did Sonia do at the restaurant?

_____________________________________________________________________

4. How did Sonia feel about her present job?

_____________________________________________________________________

5. What was she tired of?

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TALKING ABOUT YOUR OCCUPATION

• When someone asks you, What do you do?, they are asking you what your occupation is. You can answer in three different ways:

  1. You can say what your occupation is: I’m a cook.
  2. You can say what your job duties are: I cook Mexican food.
  3. You can say where you work: I work in a restaurant.

Help these people talk about their occupations. They must tell us what their occupation is, what their job duties are, and where they work.

Example: Sonia is a cook. She cooks American food in a restaurant.

What do you do, Sonia?

occupation: __________ I’m a cook. __________

duties: __________ I cook American food. __________

where: __________ I work in a restaurant. __________
Jose is a dishwasher. He washes dishes in a restaurant.

What do you do, Jose?
1. occupation: ___________________________________________________________
2. duties: _______________________________________________________________
3. where: _______________________________________________________________

Mrs. Lopez is a seamstress. She sews clothes in a factory.

What do you do, Mrs. Lopez?
4. occupation: ___________________________________________________________
5. duties: _______________________________________________________________
6. where: _______________________________________________________________

Maria is a receptionist. She types and answers phones in an office.

What do you do, Maria?
7. occupation: ___________________________________________________________
8. duties: _______________________________________________________________
9. where: _______________________________________________________________
VOCABULARY

Study the following definitions.

• ambitious to be serious about goals and work very hard to achieve them
• approval permission
• background a person’s history
• certificate a diploma that shows you are qualified for a job
• counselor a person who advises students on what classes to take
• duty job responsibility
• expert a person who is a professional in his or her area of work
• fee price
• job training program a set of courses teaching a person to do a job
• local in the same neighborhood or city
• long-term goal a goal that will require a long time to achieve
• provide to give
• short-term goal a goal that can be achieved in a short time
• vocational relating to a job
Complete the sentences below with the new vocabulary.

1. I don’t know what classes to take. I need to talk to the __________________ at school.

2. In a job interview, you have to talk about your _________________: where you went to school, where you’ve worked before, etc.

3. This is a __________________ telephone number. It isn’t long distance.

4. Jose’s _________________ is to learn computers. He can do that in one or two semesters. His _________________ is to be a lawyer. That will take quite a few years.

5. Marco is a computer _________________. He knows programming, word processing, spreadsheets and database management.

6. If you are looking for a better job, but don’t have the right skills, you can enroll in a ____________________________ at your local school.

7. Our teacher, Mrs. Wong, has a lot of ___________________. She must prepare lessons for class, check each student’s attendance, correct homework and give exams.

8. The registration __________________ for an English class is not expensive in an adult school.

9. If you are under 18 years of age, you need your parents’ ________________ before you can drive a car or ride a motorcycle.

10. Adult schools __________________ counseling if you need help in deciding what classes to take.

11. Mrs. Lopez wants to be a nurse. She’ll need to take __________________ classes in nursing before she can get her certificate and work in a hospital.

12. After you finish the training in word processing, you will get a ________________ that you can show to an employer.

13. Jose is a very ____________________ person. He’s working in a restaurant now, and he’s beginning to study computers so he can get a job in a law office. Then, he wants to go to college and law school to become a lawyer.
VERB + ING

• These verbs and expressions are often followed by verb + ing.

Examples:  I hate cooking.
            I love swimming.
            I enjoy meeting new people.

• Remember the rules for adding -ing to a verb:

  1. Add -ing to the base form of a verb. Example: speak > speaking.
  2. If a verb ends in -e, drop the -e and add -ing. Example: ride > riding
  3. If a verb ends in a consonant-vowel-consonant, double the last consonant before you add -ing. Examples: stop > stopping      hit > hitting      run > running
     Do not double these consonants: w, x, y
     Examples: row > rowing      mix > mixing      play > playing

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs.

Example:

We like _____ playing______ (play) soccer.
1. Mrs. Lopez hates _________________ (sew).

2. Sonia can’t stand _________________ (work) in a restaurant.

3. Maria enjoys _________________ (go) to concerts.

4. Jose dislikes _________________ (wash) dishes.
5. I love ___________________________ (fly).

6. Anh likes ___________________________ (grow) flowers.

7. My son loves ___________________________ (ride) motorcycles.

8. Our dog hates ___________________________ (sleep) outside.
MARIA AND HER GRANDMOTHER

Mrs. Lopez was getting ready to go to work, and she complained to Maria, her granddaughter. She had to take three buses to go to work and two of them were always late. Maria was worried about her grandmother because she worked too hard. She had two jobs and she worked day and night.

Mrs. Lopez told Maria not to worry. This is what she had to do. In Mexico, Mrs. Lopez was a nurse. Here, she was a sewing machine operator. While they were talking, someone banged on the living room window. It was their neighbor, Jose. He pointed to the kitchen. There was a fire. Maria and Mrs. Lopez rushed into the kitchen to put out the fire.

1. Was Mrs. Lopez Maria’s mother?
_____________________________________________________________________

2. What did Mrs. Lopez do in Mexico?
_____________________________________________________________________

3. Did Maria think her grandmother worked too hard?
_____________________________________________________________________

4. What happened in the kitchen?
_____________________________________________________________________

5. Did they call the fire department?
_____________________________________________________________________
**TALKING ABOUT LIKES AND DISLIKES**

Carlos is a waiter in a Mexican restaurant. He’s thinking about training for another job because he hates being a waiter. Read what Carlos has to say about his job.

“I hate waiting on tables. I can’t stand listening to customers’ complaints. I don’t like running around all day. I dislike working Saturdays and Sundays. I hate looking at Mexican food all the time.”

“I want to own a small auto repair shop. I love fixing cars and testing equipment. I like working alone. I like being my own boss. Maybe I will take some classes at the Occupational Center. I love taking courses in automobile service and repair and they will prepare me to have my own business someday.”

**List five of Carlos’ likes:**
1. fixing cars
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

**List five of Carlos’ dislikes:**
1. waiting on tables
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

Now think about the job you have or the job you would like to have. What do you like doing? What do you dislike doing? Make a list of your likes and dislikes.

**My likes:**
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

**My dislikes:**
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5.
JOSE MEETS THE LOPEZ FAMILY

Jose ran into his neighbors’ house to help them put out the fire. After the fire was out, Jose introduced himself. Then Mrs. Lopez, Maria and he began to talk about their lives.

Mrs. Lopez asked Jose about his job. Jose explained that he was a dishwasher. Mrs. Lopez told Jose that Maria was a computer expert. Maria was embarrassed. She wasn’t an expert yet. She was studying word processing. Someday, she wanted to start her own word processing business. She wanted to work out of her home. Right now, she was working as a receptionist.

Jose told Maria and her grandmother that he was going to see a counselor about word processing classes the next day. Mrs. Lopez described her job in Mexico, where she was a nurse. She would like to do similar work here. Jose invited her to go with him to the counselor’s office.

1. Did Mrs. Lopez know Jose before the kitchen fire?

2. Was Maria a computer expert?

3. What was Maria’s job?

4. Would Maria like to have her own business?

5. Who was Jose going to see the next day?
THINK ABOUT IT

Choose one question. Think about it and then write your ideas.

1. What would you do if you saw smoke coming out of a neighbor’s window?
2. Jose is interested in Maria, but Maria has a boyfriend. What do you think will happen?
3. How do you feel when someone asks you about your job? What do you usually say?

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FOCUSED LISTENING
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*Watch the video section called “Focused Listening.” Then circle the correct answer in each group.*

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Choose the correct answers.

1. Sonia hates ________________ in the restaurant.
   a. cook
   b. cooking
   c. cooked

2. Margarita can’t stand ________________ on weekends because she usually goes to church.
   a. works
   b. work
   c. working

3. We enjoy ________________ to classical music. It’s very relaxing.
   a. listening
   b. listen
   c. listened

4. Joe likes ________________ books. He wants to be a writer someday.
   a. read
   b. reads
   c. reading

5. I love ________________ my grandparents on the weekends.
   a. visit
   b. visiting
   c. visited

6. Mary doesn’t like ________________ mathematics. She’s interested in French.
   a. studied
   b. studies
   c. studying

7. Jose ________________ studying computers. He wants to work in a law office.
   a. like
   b. likes
   c. liked

8. Sonia ________________ working in a restaurant. She wants to be a television reporter.
   a. dislikes
   b. dislike
   c. likes
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9. Mrs. Lopez __________ working in a hospital because she wants to help people.
   a. like
   b. likes
   c. dislikes

10. Billy and Frank __________ playing football because they aren’t athletic.
    a. like
    b. dislikes
    c. dislike

    a. work
    b. nurse
    c. visit

    a. wash dishes
    b. work
    c. dishwasher

13. What kind of work does Mildred do? She’s a __________.
    a. secretary
    b. work
    c. in the office

    a. manager
    b. works
    c. teller

15. What do Barry and Fay do? They __________ Spanish.
    a. teachers
    b. teacher
    c. teach

16. What do you and Michael do? We __________ cars and motorcycles.
    a. mechanics
    b. repair
    c. garage
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17. I’m not sure what classes to take. I need to talk to a ______________ at school.
   a. teacher
   b. principal
   c. counselor

18. This ________________ will prepare you to work as an airplane mechanic.
   a. job training program
   b. book
   c. class

19. I will study hard and work hard to reach my goals. I am very ______________.
   a. happy
   b. ambitious
   c. tired

20. This is a special class. Not everyone can take it. You need the teacher’s ______________.
   a. approval
   b. counselor
   c. help
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