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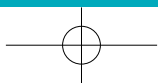
UNIT

## I'm Lovin' It

### UNIT OBJECTIVES

*After studying this unit, you should be able to:*

- understand that interest determines job satisfaction
- comprehend the correlation between love and money in a job
- arouse interest in your future job



# Warming-up

**Task 1** Work in pairs and discuss the question: What might these students love to do for their future career and what about you?

<p><b>1</b> Student A has always been good with numbers.</p> <p>A might be a(n) _____.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Student B likes computer programming very much.</p> <p>B might be a(n) _____.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Student C is talented in drawing and his dream is to design the most beautiful building.</p> <p>C might be a(n) _____.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Student D is talkative and can always persuade people to believe him.</p> <p>D might be a(n) _____.</p>
<p><b>5</b> Student E's spoken English is amazing and she's never afraid to talk with foreigners.</p> <p>E might be a(n) _____.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Student F is tall and thin. She is pretty and loves acting.</p> <p>F might be a(n) _____.</p>
<p><b>7</b> I _____.</p> <p>I want to be a(n) _____.</p>	<p><b>8</b> My partner _____.</p> <p>He/She wants to be a(n) _____.</p>

**Task 2** Survey: What's your expectation for your future career?

You may have some expectation or wish for your future job. List your top three demands for it. Compare with your group members and share the reason for your choice.

- ☐ 1. There are many chances for me to get trained and promoted.
- ☐ 2. I can enjoy a paid holiday each year.
- ☐ 3. Excellent insurance and health care is necessary.
- ☐ 4. I'd like to choose a regular nine-to-five job.
- ☐ 5. It has convenient transport to and from work.
- ☐ 6. The job fits in with my interest.
- ☐ 7. Working with a cooperative team is my dream.
- ☐ 8. My office should be well-equipped.
- ☐ 9. I can get on well with my boss and colleagues.
- ☐ 10. I can make full use of my potential in my work.

Respondent	Choice	Reason
I		
Member 1		
Member 2		
Member 3		



## Thinking Point to Approaching the Topic

Think about the following questions before you read the passage.

- 01 What job do you want to do in the future? Why? What do you think you can gain from it?
- 02 What might lead to satisfaction or dissatisfaction with one's job?



## Love What You Do

Elizabeth Fournier is a mortician. While at college, she made it clear that her interest in the mortuary business was more than a joke but her friends never took her seriously. However, some 19 years later, they asked her to bury their family members. Fournier feels honored to be able to assist people during what can be the worst time of their lives. In her eyes, helping families by organizing a funeral when it is needed is a role consistent with the work of midwives and nurses. Fournier considers her contribution to her community to be equally significant.

Many of the reasons why Fournier loves her unconventional work are actually conventional, at least according to career satisfaction studies that draw a correlation between job fulfillment and personal contribution. It has been discovered that the happiest workers are those in caregiver roles such as firefighters, teachers, the clergy and physical therapists.

Job satisfaction is the result of having a sense of autonomy, purpose and the desire to do things because they're useful, fun and interesting. Salary doesn't necessarily correlate with job satisfaction. It may attract people to the front door, but something else keeps them from going out the back.

Yet for all the people who love their careers, there are a surprisingly high number of people who admit to being dissatisfied with their job.

If feelings about our careers tend more toward disenchantment, the good news is that there are several steps we can take to improve our situation.

If we love what we're doing 80 percent of the time, we're doing pretty well. The energy we get from the work we enjoy probably far outweighs the drain of the things we don't like. We should stay focused on the aspects of our work that bring us pleasure.

If we feel unappreciated or ignored, we should find ways to become more visible. We should seek opportunities to voice our opinion. If our job is boring, we could request more responsibility. If the work is too easy, we could ask for new challenges or training to help develop our skills.

We should try to discover where the intersection of what we enjoy doing, what we're good at and what brings value to the marketplace lies. Identifying this overlap will help us to realize the value of our work and this realization will bring satisfaction.

Lastly, if we don't get along with our bosses or co-workers, we should try to limit interactions with them as much as possible. Focus on our performance and results.

If these strategies still leave us restless, it may be time to start looking for a new job. Remember, your job means you own it and live with it. Therefore, it is best to try to love it.

## New Words & Expressions

### New Words

mortician /mɔː'tɪʃən/ *n.* 殡葬业者, 丧事承办人  
 mortuary /'mɔːtʃuəri/ *a.* 丧葬的  
 assist /ə'sɪst/ *v.* 帮助, 协助  
 funeral /'fjuːnərəl/ *n.* 葬礼  
 midwife /'mɪdwaɪf/ *n.* 助产士, 接生员  
 contribution /ˌkɒntrɪ'bjuːʃən/ *n.* 贡献  
 unconventional /ˌʌnkən'venʃənəl/ *a.* 非传统的, 非常规的  
 correlation /ˌkɒrɪ'leɪʃən/ *n.* 相互关系; 相关, 关联  
 caregiver /'keəgɪvə/ *n.* 照料者, 护理者  
 clergy /'klɜːdʒi/ *n.* 神职人员  
 therapist /'θerəpɪst/ *n.* 治疗师  
 autonomy /ɔː'tɒnəmi/ *n.* 自主, 独立; 自治  
 surprisingly /sə'praɪzɪŋli/ *ad.* 惊人地  
 disenchantment /ˌdɪsɪn'tʃɑːntmənt/ *n.* 不抱幻想, 醒悟

outweigh /aʊt'weɪ/ *v.* 比……更重要  
 unappreciated /ˌʌnə'priːʃiətiəd/ *a.* 未获赏识的  
 intersection /ˌɪntə'sekʃən/ *n.* 交叉点  
 identify /aɪ'dentɪfaɪ/ *v.* 确定; 认出  
 overlap /'əʊvələp/ *n.* 重叠  
 /əʊvələp/ *v.* 重叠, 交搭  
 strategy /'strætɪdʒi/ *n.* 策略

### Phrases & Expressions

take...seriously 认真对待  
 (be) consistent with 与……一致, 与……吻合  
 correlate with 与……相关, 与……联系起来  
 take steps 采取措施, 采取步骤  
 focus on 关注, 集中于  
 get along with 相处融洽

## Reading Comprehension

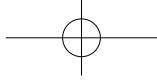
**Task 1** Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) according to the passage.

- ☐ 1. Elizabeth Fournier chose mortuary business as her future job in her childhood.
- ☐ 2. In Fournier's opinion, morticians help others just like midwives and nurses do.
- ☐ 3. Job satisfaction is unrelated to personal contribution.
- ☐ 4. Salary is the premise of job satisfaction.
- ☐ 5. Getting a new job is the optimum (最佳的) method to change job dissatisfaction.

**Task 2** Here is a summary of the symptoms of job dissatisfaction at the workplace and methods to change them. Match each symptom with the appropriate method(s).

Symptom	Method
1. In most cases, you love your job.	A. Get a new job.
2. You are unappreciated or ignored.	B. Learn more to be up to a tougher job.
3. You have no clear understanding of the value of work.	C. Reduce interactions.
4. You have a poor relation with working staff.	D. Discover the intersection of love, advantage and value.
5. You no longer love your current post.	E. Express your outlook in suitable circumstances.
	F. Heed your own business.
	G. Stay in the post where you are.





## Language Review

### Word Practice

**Task 1** Choose the right word according to its part of speech and definition.

- n.* a person who helps in identifying or preventing or treating illness or disability  
A. mortician      B. midwife  
C. caregiver      D. clergy
- v.* give help; be of service  
A. assist      B. outweigh  
C. energize      D. identify
- a.* having value that is not acknowledged  
A. unconventional      B. mortuary  
C. unappreciated      D. overlapping
- n.* something that you do that helps to achieve something or to make it successful  
A. intersection      B. correlation  
C. convention      D. contribution
- n.* freeing from false belief or illusions  
A. funeral      B. fulfillment  
C. autonomy      D. disenchantment
- ad.* in an amazing manner  
A. seriously      B. surprisingly  
C. physically      D. conventionally

**Task 2** Complete the following sentences with the words or phrases given in the box. Change the form if necessary.

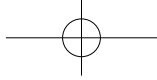
unappreciated	focus on
contribution	interaction
unconventional	caregiver
assist	autonomy
fulfillment	take...seriously

- Don't worry too much. He will \_\_\_\_\_ you to complete the tough task.

- The invention of paper was a great \_\_\_\_\_ to the progress of human civilization.
- Since she entered our company, her \_\_\_\_\_ dress and hairstyle have drawn our attention.
- After many years of hard work, his childhood dream has come to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Learner \_\_\_\_\_ is a hot topic in the field of foreign language teaching and research.
- She is the primary \_\_\_\_\_ for her elderly parents.
- The gallery's show \_\_\_\_\_ works painted after 1945.
- The old man used to \_\_\_\_\_ his gardening very \_\_\_\_\_.
- His efforts went \_\_\_\_\_. No one wanted to have his book printed.
- Without \_\_\_\_\_ between the teacher and students, the class became dull.

**Task 3** Translate the following Chinese into English.

- 我们重视与客户和供应商建立持久的伙伴关系。(take...seriously)
- 据报道, 维生素 D 水平与年龄、肤色或者日晒没有关系。(correlate with)
- 我们是该采取措施整治交通拥挤的问题了。(take steps)
- 我能在压力下工作, 并能和同事融洽相处。(get along with)
- 教育改革的重点应放在提高教育质量方面。(focus on)
- 他不仅是我的哥哥, 也是我的顾问。(more than)
- 人们发现吃胡萝卜对视力有益, 尤其是对儿童。(it is discovered)



## Word Building

**Model 1:** Fournier considers her **contribution** to her community to be equally significant.

*Suffix “-tion” is always added to a verb to form a noun. It refers to “action, behavior, situation or result.” Sometimes it changes the meaning of the original word.*

**Model 2:** It has been discovered that the happiest **workers** are those in **caregiver** roles such as **firefighters, teachers**, the clergy and physical therapists.

*The suffix “-er” changes a verb into a noun. It usually refers to “a person who does the work”. The suffixes “-or” and “-ar” can also be put after a verb to form a noun and the function alike.*

**Task 1** Use the appropriate word with the suffix “-tion” to complete the following sentences. The original verb can be found in the sentence itself.

1. Woodblock printing is invented by Chinese people. The great \_\_\_\_\_ has promoted the progress of human society.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is very important in a lecture. The lecturer can interact with the listeners via games, discussions and the like.
3. It is said the mayor will inspect our factory tomorrow. Now we are busy preparing for the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The firm should distribute on the principle of equal pay for equal work. Otherwise, the unfair \_\_\_\_\_ will cause great trouble.
5. The fortune-teller predicted she would marry a rich man, but the \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't come true yet.
6. China has made great efforts to protect the environment. One of the major measures is the enactment of the Environmental \_\_\_\_\_ Law of the People's Republic of China.
7. Language is a major means of \_\_\_\_\_, so it is difficult for people speaking different languages to communicate.
8. Boys and girls, I have read all your \_\_\_\_\_ and I think Tom translated best.

**Task 2** Match the words in Column A with the appropriate suffixes in Column B. Fill in the blanks with the words.

A	B
lie	-er
employ	
beg	-ar
invent	
begin	-or
perform	

1. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is playing classical selections on the violin.
2. Don't be critical of him. He is only a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Tom's former \_\_\_\_\_ warmly recommended him to the new company.
4. Seeing the \_\_\_\_\_ shivering in the snow, the old lady gave him some money.
5. Thomas Edison became famous as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ while rather young.
6. He who usually fails to keep his promise is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.



# Writing

## JOB SATISFACTION

From the passage, we've learned salary is not the sole factor which affects job satisfaction. If we are not interested in our job, it is hard to gain job satisfaction, let alone achievement. Job satisfaction is a psychological response. When our job expectation is met, the feelings of satisfaction will be born spontaneously. However, factors affecting job satisfaction are various and complex. Both inner and outer factors may work.

**Task 1** Look at the following pictures and discuss what key factors may affect job satisfaction.



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**Task 2** Write a short passage about job hoppers, analyze the reasons and try to find the solution.

Your passage should include the following points:

1. the phenomena that some young people frequently change their jobs;
2. the reasons for their job change;
3. your suggestions to job hoppers.

# Listening & Speaking

**Task 1** A woman is being interviewed by a TV host about her job. Listen to the conversation and choose the best answer to each question you hear.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. A. Jack.  
B. Marsha Green.  
C. Marvelous.  
D. California.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. A. Because she can go to “Jack’s Talk Show”.  
B. Because she can create a by-monthly magazine.  
C. Because she can meet marvelous women and inspire her readers.  
D. Because she can broaden her business.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. A. It is distributed free in northeast California.  
B. It is distributed free in southwest America.  
C. It is available everywhere by subscription in the US.  
D. It is available by subscription in northwest California.

**Task 2** David is complaining about his job to his friend Mary. Listen to the conversation and fill in the blanks with what you hear.

**M:** What’s wrong, David?

**D:** I want to change my job. I can’t 1. \_\_\_\_\_ with such a low salary.

**M:** Try tracking every penny you spend on a monthly basis. It’ll help you to spend money only on the things you really want. Getting paid is one thing, 2. \_\_\_\_\_ is another.

**D:** Maybe you’re right, but I feel my job is pretty insignificant.

**M:** Perspective plays a huge role in 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and sense of well-being. Remember why you took the job in the first place? You should try not to lose interest.

**D:** That’s 4. \_\_\_\_\_. How can I maintain interest?

**M:** Attitude is everything. Your attitude at work and the way you treat people, even your mood, have a 5. \_\_\_\_\_ on the people you work with. There are times you can’t control your situation, but you can always choose how you live in it.

**D:** Reasonable! Perhaps my job is too easy. Doing the same things every day is so boring.

**M:** So actually, you don’t need to change your job. What you need is some additional responsibility and 6. \_\_\_\_\_. You could talk to your boss and see if there’s a chance of a different position in the company.

**D:** Thanks, Mary. I’ll try that.

**Task 3** Listen to the first part of the passage and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- ☐ 1. Miss TeaCup has been working as a clown for 48 years.
- ☐ 2. A book about circus Miss TeaCup read in high school inspired her to start clowning.
- ☐ 3. Miss TeaCup learned clowning only from professional clowns.
- ☐ 4. Miss TeaCup went to a clown college to teach other people the clowning performance.
- ☐ 5. Children’s love makes Miss TeaCup feel her job is rewarding.





**Task 4** Listen to the second part of the passage and tick the requirements for a clown that Miss TeaCup mentioned.

- ☐ 1. A clown must wear heavy makeup and thick costume.
- ☐ 2. A clown must be handsome or beautiful.
- ☐ 3. A clown must have professional skills.
- ☐ 4. A clown must be funny outside but serious inside.
- ☐ 5. A clown must be friendly to the audience and patient.
- ☐ 6. A clown must answer audience's questions in an honest way.
- ☐ 7. A clown must hold passion for the job.
- ☐ 8. A clown must know how to help the children with autism (自闭症).

**Task 5** Work in pairs. Two stories are told in the passage. One is in a restaurant and the other in a hospital. Expand the two stories with the clues given below. And then retell them in front of the class.

#### CLUES

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|---------------|---------------------|---------|
| 1. restaurant | work                | girl    |
| wonder        | shoes               | toes    |
| witty         | unexpected question |         |
| 2. hospital   | perform             | boy     |
| autism        | help                | visit   |
| smile         | effort              | pay off |

*You can begin the stories like this:*

1. Clowns should be witty enough to answer unexpected questions from the audience. Once, when Miss TeaCup was working...
2. Clowns should also be kind enough to lend a hand to those who need help. At another time...

**Task 6** Work in pairs. Role-play an interview between the reporter and Miss TeaCup. Some questions and answers have been given.

Reporter	Miss TeaCup
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What do you do?</li><li>What got you interested in the job?</li><li>What is the best part of your job?</li><li>Is there anything that people don't know about your job?</li><li>What keeps you going on?</li><li>Can you give any suggestion for those who want to take up the profession?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>clown</li><li>a book about circus</li><li>love to and from children</li><li>a hard job</li><li>love of clowning</li><li>skill, amiability, patience, wit, passion</li></ul>

**Task 7** Work in groups. Write down your favorite part-time job on a slip of paper. Describe it in detail and state the reasons why you love it orally. Let the other group members guess what your job is before you show them the answer.

I wear funny makeup and a colorful costume to entertain people at birthday parties, restaurants and special events with balloons, magic and everlasting smiles. Hearty laughter from my audience is the best part of my job, especially from the kids. Please guess what my job is.

**Answer: a clown**



# Further Learning

## Working for Love and Money

Is pay day the only day when you are happy at work or do you love going to work every day? It may sound silly to talk about whether or not you love your job, after all, people who have jobs today are pretty lucky, given the stubbornly high unemployment rate. Salary usually comes second when an individual is eager to get hired and enjoyment may not even be considered. However, the reality is likely to be that if we do not like our jobs, we will find things to complain about and then feel even less happy. The correlation between how we feel on pay day and on all the other workdays may depend on our perspective.

Optimism is crucial whatever the job is. During an economic crisis, we should hold on to the knowledge that the downturn can only be temporary. Losses as well as gains are all part of dynamic change. When business is booming, companies are able to pay benefits and bonuses which help employees to love pay day. However, during a downturn, there may be less benefits but the knowledge of having done our best and being an important, even if only a small, cog in the wheel of the business is fulfilling. A sense of optimism will not only help us to go through thick and thin with our companies, it can also inspire

zeal for the job. Furthermore, working with a cheerful attitude will help us to find our job and our colleagues interesting and fun. The joy derived from working happily will ensure good health, which means less medical care costs and so, indirectly, increases our incomes.

Loving what we do may have direct financial benefits too. Evidence shows that commitment to and satisfaction with our work increase our momentum which makes us more productive thus raising our earnings potential. It will be difficult for our bosses to ignore our outstanding performance and being a star in our boss' eyes can only lead to promotion and higher pay.

However, we need to be aware that our enthusiasm may not always be rewarded with money. For instance, a company may express its gratitude for our commitment in the form of paid vacation days, free training, paid study leave or generous health insurance. These benefits can add 30% more to our salaries.

Adopting a positive, optimistic and committed attitude in the workplace may have benefits way beyond our monthly salaries. Loving our job could make us rich!





## Vocabulary

stubbornly /'stʌbənlɪ/ *ad.* 坚挺地, 顽固地

perspective /pə'spektɪv/ *n.* 看法, 观点

boom /bu:m/ *v.* 繁荣; 迅速发展

a cog in the wheel 无足轻重的人物

through thick and thin 患难与共

commitment /kə'mɪtmənt/ *n.* 辛劳, 奉献; 承诺

momentum /məʊ'mentəm/ *n.* 动力, 势头

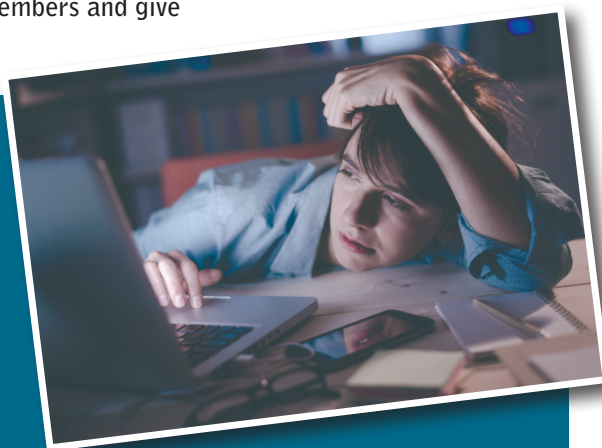
gratitude /'grættɪtju:d/ *n.* 感激, 感谢

**Task 1** Based on what you have learned from the passage, discuss with your partner whether you agree with the following statements or not.

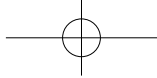
1. Due to high employment rate, people begin to choose their job randomly.
2. Love and money are dissociated in a job to some degree.
3. Optimism doesn't bring economic return, but mental health.
4. Benefits are visible income.
5. The contradiction between love and money is irreconcilable.

**Task 2** Case Analysis: according to what you have learned from the passage, diagnose Lisa's languor (倦怠) in her job. Work with your group members and give her some suggestions.

Lisa has been working as an office assistant for two years. Routine work is wearing off her passion and making her less efficient than ever. In-service training doesn't appeal to her. She is suffering from depression and insomnia due to her worry about her unclear career development.



Symptom	Cause	Suggestion
	Lack of optimism	
	Lack of commitment	
	Lack of foresight	



## FAMOUS QUOTES

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- ★ A burden of one's choice is not felt.
- ★ When one loves one's art no service seems too hard.
- ★ Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort.
- ★ A man can succeed at almost anything for which he has unlimited enthusiasm.
- ★ It is no use doing what you like; you have got to like what you do.
- ★ A man without passion can do nothing, because the basic point of passion is responsibility.
- ★ All things are easy that are done willingly.
- ★ When work is a pleasure, life is joy! When work is duty, life is slavery.