

Unit 9 Unconventional Jobs



Objectives

After the completion of this unit, you should be able to

- _ describe familiar objects.
- _ read intensively and extensively.
- _ participate in debate, discussion.
- _ Write about jobs and situations.
- _ read for skimming, scanning, and inferring.

Overview

Lesson 1: Jobs around

Lesson 2: Weird jobs around

Lesson 3: Floral career

Answer Key

Lesson 1 : Jobs Around



A. Look at the picture and write three sentences about the picture



B. Read the text. It is about a young entrepreneur, Sayeed Hasan.

I know you will wonder if I say the best thing that ever happened to me was when I lost my last job. Yes, really! I was a desk clerk in an office. But believe me I never liked my job. It was very boring for me to work whole day sitting with computers and telephone.

So after two years or so, I decided to leave my job though I had good salary there. Now I'm an owner of a nursery. Planting seeds, budding, grafting, taking care of saplings, cleaning the flower beds and spending time with trees are my full time job. I start work very early. In summer I usually leave home at 5:30 in the morning, but in

winter not until about 7. I've a small hut in my nursery. I get much pleasure when I see the moon from there or walk through the trees in the soft moonlit night. The winter is just over. So I'm cleaning up the winter flower garden.

Now I'm busy in producing more timber and medicinal plants which people will buy from July. Every season is so different and I love them all. I love nature. I just love working outside in the open air. I'm not married. I do my own work even cook my own food. I try not to depend on others for the work which I myself can do.

At weekends, I often go countryside, sometimes with my friends, sometimes alone. I love collecting unknown saplings. The only problem I face is I do not earn enough money in all seasons. I must say I'm a very happy man!



Select true or false if false give correct information

1. Hasan willingly left his job.
2. Hasan liked his office job very much.
3. He started a nursery of his own.
4. He starts his work early in the morning.
5. He is married.
6. He collects unknown saplings.
7. He is a happy man.



C Take note of the vocabulary and make sentences with them

Wonder : surprise

Believe : trust

Budding: beginning to develop or becoming successful

Grafting : a piece cut from a living plant and fixed in a cut made in another plant so that it grows there

Sapling: baby plant

Nursery: place where different plants are grown

Timber: trees that are grown to be used in building or making things

D. Now read these questions and answers carefully

1. When does Hasan leave for his work?

Or What time does Hasan leave home?

1. Answer At 5:30

Or Hasan leaves home at 5:30

2. In winter when/what time does Hasan leave?

2. Answer at 7:00

Or In winter Hasan leaves home at 7:00

Now make questions for the answers given below

3. Hasan takes his breakfast at 8 am.

Question.....?

4. Hasan cooks his lunch at 12:00 pm

Question.....?

5. Hasan takes his bath at 1:30 pm

Question.....?

6. Hasan eats his lunch at 2 pm.

Question.....?

7. Hasan goes for a walk at 5 pm.

Question.....?

8. Hasan goes to bed at 10 pm

Question.....?

E

Read these sentences carefully.

1 a. Hasan is hard working.

1 b. Hasan is not lazy.

2 a Hasan wakes up early in the morning.

2 b Hasan does not make late in working in his garden.

3 a. Hasan likes to work in his garden.

3 b. Hasan does not like to work in office.

Hasan is a plant grower is not a worker.

He/she

Hasan and Alema are happy are not lazy.

They/we/you

Hasan

He does not/doesn't like to waste time.

Alema

She

Hasan and Alema

They do not/ don't talk in class.

We/ you/I

Now make these sentences negative.

4. Hasan has a big vegetable garden.

Neg.....

5. Hasan likes to work in winter.

Neg.....

6. Hasan cooks his own meal.

Neg.....

7. Hasan grows only flowers in his garden.

Neg.....

8. Hasan plans to grow timber in his garden.

Neg.....

9. Hasan earns enough money.

Neg.....

10. Hasan is happy with his garden.

Neg.....

F

Read these statements and questions carefully

1 a. Statement : Hasan works in his garden.

1 b Question : Where does Hasan work?

2 a. Statement: Hasan works early in the morning.

2 b. Question : When does Hasan work?

3 a. Statement : Hasan goes for a walk in the evening.

3b. Question: When does Hasan go for a walk?

4 a. Statement : Hasan goes for a walk in the woods.

4 b. Question: Where does Hasan go for a walk?

5 a. Statement : Hasan loves to walk in the moonlit night.

5 b. Question : What does Hasan love to do?

Now change these statements into questions.

6. Hasan earns a lot of money.

Q: How much does Hasan earn?

7. Hasan works for 3 hours in his garden.

Q: How long?

8. Hasan likes working in his garden.

Q.....?

9. Hasan plans to grow timber.

Q.....?

10. Hasan takes ruti for his breakfast.

Q.....?

11. Hasan cooks rice for his lunch.

Q.....?

12. Hasan also grows medicinal plants.

Q.....?

13. People buy medicinal plants from July.

Q when.....?

14. At weekends Hasan visits the countryside.

Q.....?

Q What.....?

15. Hasan cleans his garden in winter.

Q.....?

16. Hasan gets much pleasure from his garden.

Q.....?

17. Hasan wants to extend his garden.

Q.....?

18. Hasan loves to walk in his garden in moonlit night.

Q.....?

G

Look at the table below below there are two columns, in column A good aspects of Hasan’s character are written and in column B Hasan’s negative aspects are written. Now fill up the table with some other aspects of Hasan’s character.

A Good aspects	B Negative things
a. simple b. hard working c. loves nature d. caring e.	a. old fashioned b. lives alone

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g	
h	

H



Write a paragraph on Hasan. Take help from the passage in B.

Lesson 2 : Weird Jobs Around



Look at the following pictures and write 3 sentences about what you see in them.



Read the text and answer the following questions.

What type of job do you want to have? Is it highly paid and high profile conventional job liked by most people? Yes, you can have it. It is the question of your choice and important decisions that advance your life ahead. But have you ever thought of other types of jobs out there--- cool, fun, exciting, even strange or weird jobs you never imagined to exist? What are they? Did you

ever wonder who picks up the chewing gum left on a park bench or who assesses whether a piece of furniture is comfortable enough ?

These are all unusual, odd, unexpected, wild, crazy, unconventional, strange or just plain weird jobs and careers. They are not the traditional career choices, but somebody out there does all these things and gets pay for it, and enjoys life like anybody else. There are hundreds of such jobs but you have to think about some questions

_ What companies will recruit/hire me?

_ What type of education/diploma will I need?

_ Can I earn much for my living by doing this?

Your answers to these questions will help you to decide if you are ready to take the challenge. Decide if you want a change. A lot of strange jobs also allow you to work part-time or freelance when it fits your time table. This way you can get a taste of freedom, a secondary income, and build experience at the same time. If you have any interest area, then you can think of earning money out of that interest. It completely depends on you, how you want to see yourself.



Take note of the words and their meaning, then make sentences with them

Weird : unusual/ not normal

Traditional: conventional

Unconventional: uncommon

Challenge: difficult task

Experience: the knowledge and skill that people gain through doing any work

Profile: a description of somebody or something that gives useful information

Freelance: doing any work out of one's own interest

Recruit: engage in jobs

Crazy: mad or unwise



Answer the questions

1. What is meant by weird jobs in the passage?
2. What is a traditional job?
3. What should you do before taking a job?
4. List some unusual jobs.
5. What is a part time job?

D

Look at the table and note that we can make opposites by adding a prefix. Now fill up rest of the rows.

Traditional	Untraditional
Conventional	Unconventional
Usual	Unusual
Happy	
Interesting	

E

Now notice the following words used in the passage. The words in bold are used to describe the words used after them, these are adjectives. We use adjectives to describe a noun, an adjective.(Bangla explanation)

Strange jobs

Unconventional jobs

Interesting jobs

Crazy jobs

Funny jobs

Fill in the blanks with adjectives. One is done for you. There may be more than one answer.

1. Hasan is a ...happy...man.
2. I am looking for an.....job.
3. I am waiting for an.....result.
4. Can you think of an.....job in Bangladesh?
5. He is always angry, he is an.....person.

6. Bangladesh is acountry.
7. Weird jobs are not very.....in Bangladesh.
8. I met a veryperson.
9. Getting ajob is not easy.
10. My friend enjoys acareer.



Write a paragraph on your future Plan. Take help of the questions:

- a) What you love to do?
- b) What is your area of study?
- c) What kind of jobs are available for this area of study?
- d) What is your expectation from the job?
- e) Are you ready for any kind of challenge?

Lesson 3 : Floral Career





Look at the pictures and write five sentences about them.

B

There are some jobs and their description. Choose a job from the box below and match with their description

Architect, taxi driver, dentist, farmer, lawyer, photographer, accountant, mechanic, soldier, hairdresser, chef, politician, nurse, plumber, florist

Jobs	Description
Mechanic	Keeps record of monetary account
Plumber	Does the job of cooking
Accountant	Fixes machine related problems
Chef	Designs buildings and constructions
Dentist	Fixes problems of water supply
Architect	Treats dental problems

Now write down the description of the jobs of the following people

Jobs	Description
Taxi driver	
Soldier	
Farmer	
Teacher	
Politician	
Nurse	
Photographer	
Hair dresser	
Lawyer	

C

**Now read the text**

Have you ever thought of a very delicate career? Have you dreamt of a rosy environment full of colour and fragrance? How much would you love it if you were placed in a house full of flowers to deal all day? I'm just going to give you some clues for a way of business, a job. The job of a florist is unconventional though it is very interesting. Wherever you see eye-catching floral displays, you actually see the professional performance of a floral designer, so they are also known as florists. They create superb arrangements with flowers. Using both real and artificial flowers with other greeneries, florists prepare flower displays for a variety of events.

Although formal education or a diploma is not always essential, florists must have a good taste, good eye for colours, shapes and proportion. They have to have good sense for selecting flowers, ribbons and other accessories to make beautiful arrangements. However, a true passion for flowers and a bit of aesthetic sense are all that can make a florist's career successful. Flower designers earn fairly handsome money and the bonus is that they work in a nice atmosphere with colourful flowers, fresh air, pleasant smells around. But there is a disadvantage too, Florists deal with flowers, but miss their honey!

**Now answer the questions**

- 1 How is the career of a florist?
- 2 What qualities do you need to have for a florist's job?
- 3 Does the job require an academic qualification?
- 4 What is the extra advantage of a florist's job?
5. Do you like the job? Why?

D

Read the following questions and statements.

Kamal : Hello, can you help me?

Florist: What can I do for you, sir?

Kamal : Today is my friend's birthday, I want to buy some flowers for her.

Florist : I understand sir, you can take a bunch of red roses.

Kamal : Do you think she will like the roses?

Florist : If you want I can arrange them with some green leaves.

Kamal : That would be very nice.

Florist : Here you are, sir.

Kamal : How much ?

Florist: 75 tk. Sir.

Kamal : Take this 100 tk. And you keep the change.

Florist : Thank you sir.

**Imagine you are going to buy some flowers for your friend's wedding anniversary.
Prepare a dialogue between you and the florist.**



E

Take note of the words and their meaning. Make sentences with the words.

Rosy environment: environment full of roses

Fragrance: scent of flower

Delicate: very soft

Proportion: a part or share of a whole

Performance: the act of performing a play

Aesthetic: related to beauty

Passion: love for any thing

Accessories: extra piece of equipment

Handsome: very good



F

Now make a list of works a florist has to do to earn money.



ANSWER KEY

Lesson-1

B

1. False. Hasan has lost his job.
2. False. Hasan did not like it.
3. True.
4. True.
5. False. He is not married.
6. True.
7. True.

C

Wonder- He could do it properly as I told him, it was a wonder to me.

Believe- People should believe in Allah.

Budding- He is a budding genius.

D

3. What time does Hasan take his breakfast?
4. What time does Hasan cook his lunch/
5. What time does Hasan take his bath/
6. What time does Hasan take his lunch?
7. What time does Hasan go for a walk?
8. What time does Hasan go to bed?

E

4. Hasan does not have a big vegetable garden.
5. Hasan does not like to work in winter.
6. Hasan does not like to cook his meal.
7. Hasan does not grow only flower in his garden.
8. Hasan does not plan to grow timber in his garden.
9. Hasan does not earn enough money.
10. Hasan is not happy with his garden.

F

7. How long does Hasan work in his garden?
8. What does Hasan like to do?
9. What does Hasan plan to do?
10. What does Hasan take for his breakfast?
11. What does Hasan cook for his lunch?

12. What doe Hasan also grow?
13. Whaen do people buy medicinal plants?
14. When does Hasan visit the countryside?
15. When does Hasan clean his garden?
16. What does Hasan get from his garden?
17. What does Hasan want to do?
18. When does Hasan love to walk in his garden?

G

e. early riser f. independent g. confident h. peaceful	c. no family life d. no body to take care e. less earning.
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H

Answer will vary.

Lesson-2

A

The pictures show some different kinds of jobs.
People are doing unusual works
A person is playing with the jaw of a crocodile.
There is an uncommon advertisement.

B

Answer will vary. Some examples:
There are many **weird** jobs around the world.
Some people think **traditional** jobs are secured
There are people who like **unconventional** jobs.
Facing **challenge** requires courage.
To get a good job **experience** is required.

C

1. Uncommon jobs
2. Jobs in offices and companies.
3. Think and answer some questions
4. Circus jockey, picking chewing gums from the park, checking furniture etc.
5. Extra or additional job together with regular job.

D

Trained Common Acceptable Able	Unhappy Uninteresting Untrained Uncommon Unacceptable unable
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E

2. Interesting
3. Excellent
4. Unconventional
5. Angry
6. Beautiful
7. Common
8. Strange
9. Good
10. Brilliant.

F

Answer will vary.

Lesson - 3

A

Answer will depend on the pictures.

B

Jobs	Description
Mechanic	Keeps record of monetary account.
Plumber	Does the job of cooking.
Accountant	Fixes machine related problems.
Chef	Designs buildings and constructions.
Dentist	Fixes water supply related problems.
Architect	Treats dental problems.

Jobs	Description
Taxi driver	Drives a car/taxi.
Soldier	Protects motherland and fights for the country.
Farmer	Grows rice, wheat, vegetables.
Teacher	Teaching.
Politician	Works for the people and country.
Nurse	Takes care of patients.
Photographer	Takes pictures.
Hair dresser	Takes care of hair.
lawyer	Takes care of legal activities.

C

1. The job of a florist is very delicate.
2. Love for flower and creativity.
3. Not very much.
4. They work in a nice environment.
5. Yes, because I can spend my days with the fragrance of varieties of flowers.

D

Answer will vary.

E

Answer will vary. Some examples:
 A florist works in a rosy environment.
 Fragrance of flowers makes me happy.
 The job of a florist is delicate.

F

1. Selling flowers
2. Arranging flowers in bouquet.
3. Decorating office rooms/institutions for special programme.
4. Decorating wedding house.
5. Decorating wedding car etc.