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Skills

Good communicator – You enjoy talking to people and you are good at explaining things.

IT literate – You are good at computer games and typing on a keyboard.

Creative – You are good at drawing or making up stories or writing songs or making pictures on the computer or building things or thinking of new fun games or coming up with new ideas to solve problems and make things better. Creativity is about creating things.

Innovative – You are good at putting your ideas into practice. Not just thinking of creative things but making them happen.

Organised – You are able to plan things or keep things very tidy.

Personable – You are good at making friends and making people feel comfortable.

Confident – You are able to approach new situations feeling happy that you can give anything a go.

Team Player – You work well in groups. You listen to other people ideas and help to work together.

Initiative – You don't wait to be told what to do if you have a good idea. If you see a chance to do something well or differently you go for it.

Enterprising – You are creative, innovative and you have initiative. You take all those skills and come up with great business ideas.

Ethical – You think it is important to be good and fair. You think about the consequences of your actions.

Ambitious – You have a desire to be successful.

Capable – You have the qualities and abilities to achieve many things when you try.

Flexible – You listen to other people's ideas and can change the way you do something, if it is better or if it helps them.

Responsible – You make careful decisions and you own up to them.

Kind – You like doing nice things and you want to bring happiness to other people.

Logical – You solve problems in a calm and careful way.



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My skills and talents

Things that I am good at:

My skills:

Things that I enjoy:

Job ideas:



Digital Designer

What do you do?

I create visual effects on a computer. Sometimes I make posters or books look nice, sometimes I create effects for films, sometimes I make animations.

How do you get this job?

You need to spend lots of time designing before you will have enough experience for the job. You can get experience in university or learning at home.

What's good about your job?

I can be really creative, and I can work hours that suit me.

What's bad about your job?

Sometimes I am really busy and there is lots of work, and sometimes it is really quiet, and I have nothing to do.

This job is good for people who are:

Creative and like to sit at a computer all day.

Rugby Player

What do you do?

I play professional rugby for Wales.

How do you get this job?

I played in school and worked hard. I represented my county and then I was offered a place training with one of the regional teams. This year I was picked by Wales!

What's good about your job?

I get to travel the world, meet lots of new people and be on TV. I win games and have won trophies. I got to play in front of 74,000 people at Principality Stadium.

What's bad about your job?

I don't like losing games and sometimes you don't get picked to play. I've been hurt and not able to play. You can do most jobs until you're 65 but I will probably have to stop this by the time I'm in my 30's.

This job is good for people who are:

Very fit and sporty and like being part of a team.

Artist

What do you do?

I create sculptures and paintings for people to display in their homes.

How do you get this job?

You need to be artistic and to find your own unique style. Most artists go to university to learn techniques and try to find their style.

What's good about your job?

I work in my own time and make what I want to make.

What's bad about your job?

It can be hard to get work when you start out as an artist. It takes a while for people to find out about you and buy your art. Sometimes you don't make much money.

This job is good for people who are:

Really creative and enjoy art.

Hairdresser

What do you do?

I cut and style hair.

How do you get this job?

You need to train in college or in a salon to learn how to cut and style hair well.

What's good about your job?

I can be really creative, and I can work hours that suit me. You meet lots of different people. You never know who you will have in your chair. I've met really interesting people like celebrities and politicians.

What's bad about your job?

I have to stand all day and my feet get tired.

This job is good for people who are:

Creative, stylish and like talking to people.



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Veterinarian

What do you do?

I treat sick animals, like a doctor but for animals.

How do you get this job?

You need to study science in college and then spend five years studying at university. It takes a long time to train because my patients can't tell me what's wrong.

What's good about your job?

I do something really important, and I get paid well. Plus, I get to be with animals all day!

What's bad about your job?

I work a lot of hours and it is really sad when an animal is really ill.

This job is good for people who are:

Caring, love animals and are good at science.

Scientist

What do you do?

There are lots of different types of scientist, but we all try to uncover things about the world that were not known before.

How do you get this job?

You need to become an expert in your chosen area of science. That usually means that you have done lots of studying at university.

What's good about your job?

I get to investigate and solve mysteries and I feel like I am doing something really important.

What's bad about your job?

Sometimes I have to do the same tasks, over and over and over again.

This job is good for people who are:

Logical, asks lots of questions and enjoy science.

Architect

What do you do?

I design buildings like houses or hotels.

How do you get this job?

You need to study at university for quite a long time. Then you need to work with experienced architects until you're ready to try it on your own.

What's good about your job?

I get to make giant models of my ideas that people will see and enjoy for hundreds of years. I also get paid very well.

What's bad about your job?

I had to train for a very long time and sometimes I have to design things that I don't like.

This job is good for people who are:

Creative and good at maths.

Chef

What do you do?

I cook meals for people.

How do you get this job?

You need to train in college and then start working with a chef, until you're ready to be a chef yourself.

What's good about your job?

I really love food and for me it is like art. I love seeing people enjoy my food. There is a lot of teamwork and fun in the kitchen.

What's bad about your job?

I work very long hours and I am on my feet all day. I work a lot of evenings and weekends too.

This job is good for people who are:

Creative and love food.



Conservationist

What do you do?

I help protect the environment.

How do you get this job?

I started by volunteering on different projects. Then I went to college and university to become a specialist.

What's good about your job?

I'm helping make the world a nicer place. I get to learn all about different environments, like the beach or the woods, and then make sure people look after them.

What's bad about your job?

Sometimes we have to choose between people and the environment, which is really hard.

This job is good for people who are:

Caring, good at science and like nature.

Doctor

What do you do?

I help sick and injured people

How do you get this job?

I went to university for seven years but I have to keep training and learning all the time.

What's good about your job?

I help people. Sometimes it's hard to know what is making someone sick, so it can be like solving a mystery. I also get paid very well.

What's bad about your job?

I work a lot and it's sad when people are really ill and not getting better.

This job is good for people who are:

Caring, clever and hard-working.

Charity Worker

What do you do?

I work in a charity that helps elderly people.

How do you get this job?

I volunteered for the charity, delivering food to elderly people. Then I applied for a full-time job and I got it!

What's good about your job?

I get to help lots of people in need. It makes me feel good to do something kind and important.

What's bad about your job?

That there are so many people who need our help, it can be very sad sometimes.

This job is good for people who are:

Caring, helpful and friendly.

Shop Manager

What do you do?

I look after a shop. I make sure it is tidy and I make sure the customers and staff are happy.

How do you get this job?

I got a Saturday job, in a shop, while I was in school. When I left school, I started working in the shop every day. I worked very hard and was good at my job. Then I got a promotion! I got paid more money to take more responsibility and be in charge of the shop.

What's good about your job?

I like helping my team and my customers to get the things they need. I like making sure that all the jobs are done.

What's bad about your job?

Sometimes customers can be angry or upset. I have to be the first person to arrive in the morning and the last person to leave at night.

This job is good for people who are:

Friendly, helpful and organised.



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Politician

What do you do?

I am a Member of Parliament (MP). I listen to people from my area, then I go to Parliament and I vote for things that I think will help those people. I also try to help people from my area to make the community better.

How do you get this job?

I used to have another, totally different job. Then I got elected. This means that people voted for me to be their MP.

What's good about your job?

I can make people's lives better and solve problems. I also get to vote on important laws that effect everyone.

What's bad about your job?

It's hard to switch off, being recognised in the supermarket!

This job is good for people who are:

Team players, like problem solving, like pushing boundaries and like asking questions.

Thank you to Tonia Antonazzi for her help with this information about being a Politician.

Lawyer

What do you do?

I know all about the law and I help people who need to understand it. Someone might have broken the law or they might need to make sure they follow a law that's very complicated.

How do you get this job?

I went to university, then I worked with more experienced lawyers while I did more exams.

What's good about your job?

It is a very important job because I protect people. I get paid well.

What's bad about your job?

If I make a mistake, people can get into a lot of trouble and I have to read a lot of very big books.

This job is good for people who are:

Meticulous, clever and argumentative.

Cabin Crew

What do you do?

I help people to feel comfortable and safe on airplanes.

How do you get this job?

I did an apprenticeship, where I worked and learned at the same time.

What's good about your job?

I travel all over the world. I meet lots of interesting people.

What's bad about your job?

I travel so much that sometimes I get tired.

This job is good for people who are:

Friendly and like travelling.

Photographer

What do you do?

I take pictures for newspapers, websites and special occasions.

How do you get this job?

I practiced a lot. I did some short courses and then I practiced some more.

What's good about your job?

I get to be there for some very special days like weddings and birthdays. I get to be creative and make things look their best.

What's bad about your job?

Sometimes it's hard to make things look nice, like if the weather is really bad. I don't get paid regularly so I always have to look for work.

This job is good for people who are:

Creative and enjoy being out and about.



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Fitness Instructor

What do you do?

I show people what to do in the gym and help them to get or stay fit.

How do you get this job?

I love going to the gym, so I took a course to help myself. Then I started helping my friends to get fitter, then someone offered to pay me to be their personal trainer.

What's good about your job?

I get to spend all my time in the gym. I get to help people to achieve their goals and feel healthy.

What's bad about your job?

Sometimes I don't get paid very well.

This job is good for people who are:

Fit, helpful and friendly.

Entrepreneur

What do you do?

I run my own business.

How do you get this job?

I created it. I had a good idea, borrowed some money and then started selling to customers.

What's good about your job?

I own the business, so I get to decide everything that happens in it.

What's bad about your job?

It's really hard work, long hours and there is a lot of responsibility.

This job is good for people who are:

Enterprising, creative and hard-working.

Plumber

What do you do?

I install and repair pipes that run gas or water through your home.

How do you get this job?

When I left school, I got an apprenticeship. I learned and worked at the same time so I could get the skills I needed.

What's good about your job?

I get to meet lots of people and I earn a good wage. I work for myself now and that means I can choose my own working hours.

What's bad about your job?

Sometimes I have to fix smelly toilets!

This job is good for people who are:

Logical, like working with their hands and like to work in different places every day.

University Head of English

What do you do?

I am head of the English Language Training Services department at a university. I manage 50 people who teach English.

How do you get this job?

I trained to teach English as a second language at Swansea University after I graduated as a primary school teacher. This qualification was great as I could go all over the world to teach international people English. I went to Japan, Turkey, Prague, Hungary and Barbados! When I finished travelling, I came home to Swansea and as I had taught every summer at the university they offered me a full time job as a tutor. Over the years I took on more responsibility.

What's good about your job?

Every day is different, I get to meet people from all over the world and I can travel to amazing places too.

What's bad about your job?

I can't really think of anything!

This job is good for people who are:

Interested in travel and different cultures, who like to try new ideas and to help people learn.

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