

Advantages and disadvantages of jobs speaking

looking at both sides/ jobs vocabulary

Natural English Intermediate Unit 6

Choose one of the jobs below and give the advantages and disadvantages of the job until your partner guesses which one it is, then take turns doing the same. Ones on the same line don't always have exactly the same meaning, so choose one specific job each time.

Useful language

The main/ The great/ The chief + advantage/ disadvantage is...

A great/ A major + positive aspect/ negative aspect is...

Another + good point/ bad point is...

However/ On the other hand,...

- Accountant
- Air hostess/ Air stewardess/ Flight attendant/ Cabin crew
- Baker/ Pastry chef
- Bank clerk
- Banker
- Barber/ Hairdresser/ Stylist
- Bell boy/ Porter
- Bin man/ Garbage disposal man
- Builder/ Bricklayer
- Bus driver
- Businessman
- Busker/ Street performer
- Butcher
- Cameraman
- Care worker/ Carer
- Carpenter
- CEO
- Chambermaid
- Cook/ Chef/ Kitchen hand
- Cycle courier/ Motorcycle courier
- Director/ Executive
- Electrician
- Estate agent
- Factory worker
- Farmer
- Fire-fighter/ Fireman
- Gardener/ Landscape gardener
- Geography teacher
- GP/ Doctor/ Surgeon
- Homemaker/ Housewife/ Househusband
- Hotelier/ Hotel manager
- Judge/ Magistrate
- Lab assistant/ Laboratory technician

- Lecturer/ Professor
- Local politician/ Local councillor/ Mayor
- Lorry driver/ Truck driver
- (Middle) manager
- Masseur
- Mechanic
- Movie director/ Producer
- Nanny/ Au pair/ Babysitter
- National politician/ PM/ MP/ Senator/ Congressman
- Newsreader
- Nurse/ Midwife
- Office worker
- Photographer
- Playwright/ Screenwriter
- Plumber
- Police officer/ Policeman/ PC
- Private detective
- Private tutor
- Psychologist/ Psychiatrist
- Receptionist
- Secretary/ PA
- Security guard/ Bouncer
- Shop assistant
- Solicitor/ Barrister/ Attorney/ Lawyer
- Spy/ Secret agent
- Tailor
- Television presenter
- Travel agent
- Vet/ Veterinarian
- Zoo keeper

When your teacher stops you, ask about any jobs above you aren't sure about, working together to brainstorm related pros and cons each time.

Change groups. Choose a job above and compete to think of more and more selling points and drawbacks, then take turns doing different jobs to do the same with.

Change groups. Choose a job above and choose if you want to talk about the benefits or drawbacks, leaving the other side for your partner. Take turns trying to think of more and more arguments on your side until someone gives up, discuss if you think there are really more pros than cons or not, then take turns doing different jobs to do the same with.