



## IELTS READING LESSON 6-6-2018

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### Lesson Objective

The student shall be able to use "power words" as part of their oral vocabulary, read and comprehend both social and business language and demonstrate effective oral communication skills.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Ability to understand definitions of English vocabulary

### Section One Vocabulary

➤ Match the correct word in column A with the definition in column B, then use in a sample sentence

Column A	Column B
VOCABULARY	DEFINITION
1. <b>TREND</b> (verb)	<b>A.</b> To declare or tell in advance; prophesy; foretell.
2. <b>PREDICT</b> (verb)	<b>B.</b> An urgent or pressing requirement.
3. <b>PREPARE</b> (verb)	<b>C.</b> A person's usual or principal work or business, especially as a means of earning a living; vocation.
4. <b>TRADESMAN</b> (noun)	<b>D.</b> A state of agreement or cooperation among persons, groups, nations, etc., with a common cause or viewpoint.
5. <b>DEMAND</b> (noun)	<b>E.</b> A pledge or promise; obligation.
6. <b>OCCUPATION</b> (noun)	<b>F.</b> The state or quality of being fulfilled; completion; realization.
7. <b>ALIGNMENT</b> (noun)	<b>G.</b> A worker skilled in a particular craft; artisan; craftsman.
8. <b>COMMITMENT</b> (noun)	<b>H.</b> To put in proper condition or readiness.
9. <b>FULFILLMENT</b> (noun)	<b>I.</b> The general course or prevailing tendency; drift.

### Section Two

#### Reading Comprehension and Pronunciation skills.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Ability to effectively read and comprehend written English in a social or business environment.

### ARTICLE A

#### Best Careers for the Future: 51 Jobs for 2020 and Beyond

[Source](#)

1. What are the best careers for the future? How will everything change? Is it possible to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow—today? Many of us would love to have definitive answers for these questions. But, of course, nobody can say for sure what the future holds. The best we can do is make educated guesses based on past and current trends. Still, even educated guesses can help us imagine some pretty astonishing possibilities.

Here's one thing we know: Change will keep happening. America and the rest of the world will experience social, cultural, economic, environmental, and technological changes. Some of these changes can be foreseen (such as the likely impact of climate change). But many of them can't be predicted. New challenges may arise without any warning. And "happy accidents" may lead to positive new discoveries that solve long-standing problems.

2. So predicting the best jobs for the future requires understanding that all kinds of variables will interact in complex and surprising ways. Many of tomorrow's jobs will likely result from today's scientific and technological advances. But most jobs of the future probably don't exist yet, and a lot of them haven't even been imagined. In fact, according to one estimate, almost two-thirds of today's kindergarten students will eventually have occupations that don't currently exist.<sup>1</sup>

Of course, many of today's occupations will continue to be part of the future, but they'll undergo changes just like everything else. And many occupations will transform into something entirely new—or disappear altogether. It's a lot to think about, let alone

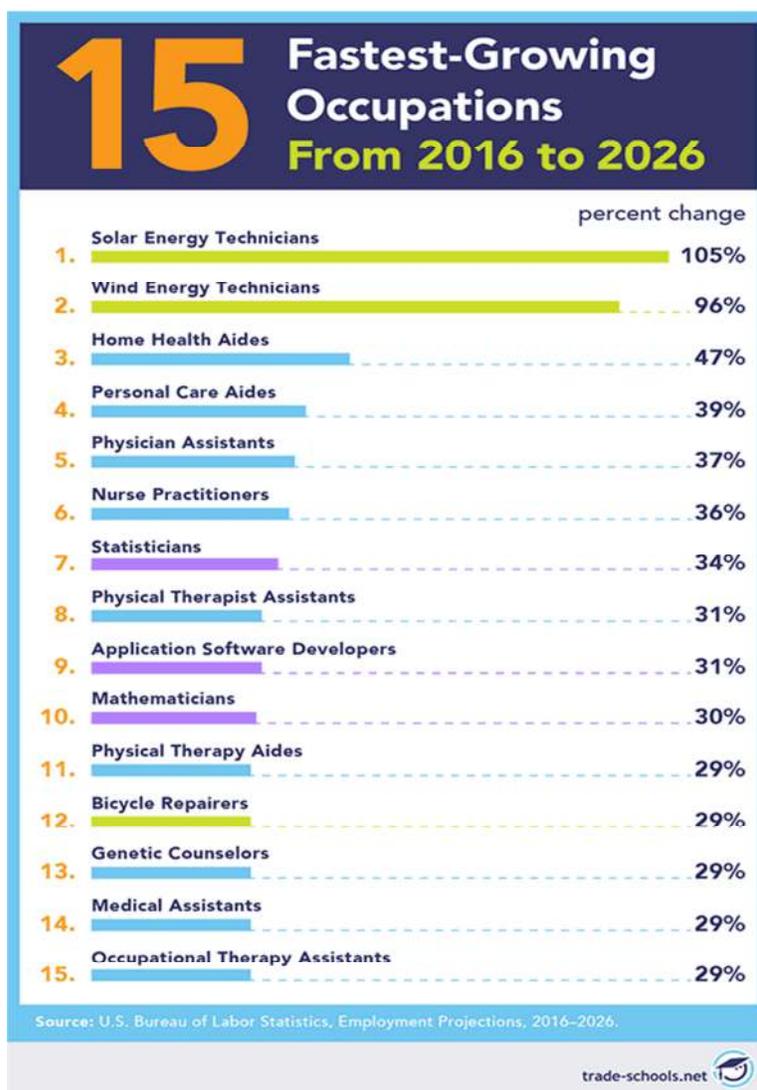


visualize. After all, many of us have a natural resistance to change and uncertainty. We might feel a little too safe or comfortable with the status quo.

That's why it can pay to explore and imagine career possibilities like the 51 listed below. They can reveal new paths forward or suggest ways that you may want to adapt in order to prepare for the future's most interesting or plausible scenarios. Many occupational categories are already changing and overlapping with one another, which is a process that may accelerate. But don't let that overwhelm you. This article will show you several good career options to start considering.

### 3. Jobs That Already Exist

Many kinds of tradespeople and professionals are in high demand today and will probably continue to have great opportunities over the next few decades. Other kinds of workers are doing jobs on the leading edge of technology and cultural change. For them, opportunities aren't widespread, but they could be very soon. The following examples represent several existing jobs that may be top careers for the future.



### 4. Solar Energy Technician

Like wind energy, solar power will continue to be a major part of humanity's transition toward a clean-energy future. The cost of solar energy keeps dropping year after year, so it's becoming much more affordable for businesses and homeowners. In cities all around the world, solar energy technicians are enjoying stable employment in a growing industry that makes a positive difference. In the U.S., about 30,000 solar technician jobs may become available over the decade from 2016 to 2026. Median yearly pay for this occupation was \$39,240 in 2016.<sup>3</sup>



## 5. Wind Energy Technician

With climate change threatening to severely damage the world as we know it, it will become more important to move to clean energy sources. Reducing carbon and methane emissions means transitioning away from fossil fuel sources like oil, coal, and natural gas. That means wind energy will likely be a big part of the future. It's already an industry that's grown a lot. And it will likely grow a lot more, meaning that skilled technicians will be needed to help with the installation, maintenance, and repair of giant wind turbines. About 14,000 job openings could be generated for wind energy technicians over the decade that ends in 2026. The median salary in this field was \$52,260 in 2016.<sup>3</sup>

## 6. Nurse Practitioner

Because of an aging and longer-living population, the health care system may have trouble keeping up with the growing influx of patients. Many regions could experience severe shortages of doctors. They'll need more non-physician health professionals with the ability to diagnose and treat patients with various acute and chronic conditions. Registered nurses who get the right kind of advanced education at the graduate level can become nurse practitioners and help fill that void. In 2016, median yearly pay for nurse practitioners was \$100,910. And between 2016 and 2026, they could benefit from about 144,000 job openings.<sup>3</sup>

## 7. Software Developer

Computers, robots, and mobile devices are useless without the well-engineered software that gives life to the sophisticated hardware it runs on. As the Internet grows and machines get smarter and more connected to us and to each other, the need for talented software developers will expand. Mobile app development, especially, is considered one of the best careers for 2020 and beyond. In fact, almost 1.2 million total job openings are projected to become available in the software development field between 2016 and 2026. The median yearly pay for application software developers in 2016 was \$100,080.<sup>3</sup>

## 8. Physical Therapist

With more seniors in our communities, the need for physical therapy professionals will increase. Many seniors end up requiring some form of physical rehabilitation, pain management, mobility assistance, or therapeutic treatment as they age. From 2016 to 2026, about 177,000 jobs may become available for physical therapists. An additional 147,000 jobs could open up for physical therapist assistants. In 2016, the median salary for physical therapists was \$85,400.<sup>3</sup>

## 9. Registered Nurse (RN)

In total, more than two million jobs are expected to become available for RNs between 2016 and 2026.<sup>3</sup> That number shouldn't be surprising given how quickly the senior population is growing in most regions. In all likelihood, RNs will continue to be in high demand for decades to come, even if their roles change a little because of technological advances and medical breakthroughs. The median salary for RNs in 2016 was \$68,450.<sup>3</sup>

## 10. Jobs That Don't Exist Quite Yet (But Probably Will)

Do you enjoy looking even further ahead? The world is changing quickly. Every day, new possibilities arise. So it's a good idea to know what the more futuristic job options might be. Some of the most promising careers for the future may include occupations like the following examples.

### Organizational Disrupter

As established companies and other organizations expand, they often lose some of their ability to innovate. That makes them vulnerable to competition from more nimble startups that frequently aren't so set in their ways. Since many futurists foresee a coming trend toward smaller, more adaptable organizations, a lot of large companies and non-profits may want to figure out how to make themselves more like their smaller competitors. The role of a disrupter would be to introduce a few seemingly chaotic changes in an organization that promote more creativity, risk-taking, collaboration, and innovation.

## 11. Personal Education Guide



Going to school is still an effective way to learn and get recognized credentials. But as we move farther into the future, it's possible that education will become much more personalized and even more convenient than today's online programs. Personal education guides may act as coaches and counselors in helping people choose on-demand courses or designing customized training plans that utilize freelance instructors. And they may provide confirmation that their clients have successfully completed those courses and earned alternative credentials that more and more employers will recognize as being valid.

### Custom Body Part Manufacturer

At some point, waiting lists for organ transplants will probably become a thing of the past. Soon, doctors may be able to order up custom organs that are grown or 3D-printed using their patients' own cells. After all, scientists have already had some success at creating hearts, kidneys, and livers in their labs. They've even grown skin, ears, and other external body parts.

## 12. Biomedical Advancements and Ever-Smarter Machines

More and more of the things that used to be science fiction are quickly becoming science fact. We may soon live in a total nerd utopia. The full list of potential scientific and technological breakthroughs that could revolutionize how we work (or if we work at all) is impossibly long. Here are just a few of the possible drivers of major change that could transform the job markets of the future:

- Human-like robots
- Artificial intelligence (AI)
- Nanotechnology
- Biomedical "miracles"
- Advanced genomics
- 3D printing
- Augmented reality
- The fusion of man and machine



Automation is one existing trend that gets a lot of attention—for good reason. Based on current technologies (as of 2017), about half of all economic activities in the U.S. could be automated by 2055 or possibly as early as about 2035. And roughly six out of every 10 occupations are prone to having 30 percent or more of their tasks automated. Anything that involves physical activity in a controlled environment is at the greatest risk of being automated.<sup>2</sup> But many futurists expect robots or intelligent machines to eventually take over an abundance of office and white-collar tasks as well.

Advances in biotechnology and medicine—along with a faster and ever-expanding Internet—may create the deepest and broadest revolution in the history of mankind.

## 13. Cultural, Demographic, and Economic Changes

Technology is probably the strongest force that will influence the labor markets of tomorrow, but many other factors will play major roles too. For example, in much of the developed world, the population is rapidly aging. By 2050, the number of people on Earth over the age of 60 is anticipated to more than double. And the number of people over the age of 80 is expected to more than triple.<sup>4</sup> But technology may continue to extend our lifespans, which will amplify that already-significant trend.



Aside from human aging and longevity, the future is also likely to be transformed by factors such as the growing "sharing economy," the rise of freelance and project-based work, the expanded use of blockchain technology for economic transactions, and an exponential increase in data collection related to almost all areas of our lives.



## 14. Global Challenges and Crises

Did you know that the world's population is expected to rise from 7.3 billion people in 2015 to 9.7 billion people by 2050 and 11.2 billion people by 2100?<sup>4</sup> That makes sustainability a major challenge. In fact, projections indicate that almost half of the global population may be living in severely water-stressed regions by 2030.<sup>6</sup>

Here's why those projections are relevant: It's impossible to fully examine future possibilities without acknowledging the many global threats to human civilization. They aren't fun to think about, but they do matter. Any of them could have a major impact on our way of life, not least of all our options for employment.



For example, try to imagine the consequences of food and water shortages, severe disease pandemics, long power blackouts from solar storms, mass extinctions of plant and animal life, unbearable heat waves that last for many months, severe natural resource depletions, nuclear war, or permanently flooded cities due to rising sea levels.

The point isn't to fear the future. The point is to examine the full picture and consider ways that you may be able to help prevent those kinds of crises. Many of the best careers for future professionals will involve work that directly contributes to our collective security or sustainability

## ARTICLE B

### Three Steps for Finding Your Perfect Job, Career and Life

[Source](#)

1. Finding your perfect job, career and life may be easier said than done, but with strong commitment, focus and effort it is possible. Luckily, your return on investment should far outweigh the toil.

What would you give to have your perfect job, career, and life? People who are happiest and most fulfilled live what is the perfect job, career and life for them. This does not mean living their life would be perfect for you. Like a snowflake, perfection is defined individually. It is achievable for anyone willing to put the effort into defining, discovering and pursuing it.

The perfect job, career and life comes in many shapes and sizes which usually equates to happiness, fulfillment and success. Examine Richard Branson's journey. He is making billions living the life he was meant to live. He is clearly having fun doing what he loves and does best.

2. An ex-corporate executive I recently met now spends her days in an apron covered in clay, running a pottery making shop out of the back of her home. She makes a fraction of what she made before but loves what she does and the life that goes along with it. For her, she has achieved perfection and success.

Both Richard Branson and my friend have the perfect job, career and life for them. They are happy and engaged in their lives. They designed their lives intentionally and on purpose. You can, too. What is your perfection? Not what has been defined for you by your family and friends, but *your* perfection defined by *you*.

Below are three steps and strategies from my new book *How to Find a Job, Career and Life You Love* to help you answer the above question and start pursuing your perfect job, career and life.

### 3. Eight Questions to Light Your Path

The first step in your journey is to understand what you are most passionate about, love and naturally do best. To do this, ask and answer the following eight questions. Once you have your responses, review them to look for themes and clues as to what jobs you should try. I recommend sleeping on your responses and themes prior to committing to any conclusions from this exercise.



- a. What gets me out of bed in the morning?
- b. If I didn't need money, what would I do in life?
- c. What was I most fascinated with as a child?
- d. When in my life have I been so passionately focused on an activity that I lost track of time and what was I doing?
- e. What do I want to be remembered for in life?
- f. What do I believe I do best?
- g. What do others say I do best?
- h. What am I most recognized for in life and work?

#### 4. Experiment to Discover Your Direction

Once you have a basic understanding of what you are most passionate about, love and naturally do best, you need to experiment performing these types of tasks to confirm you actually enjoy such roles. This experimentation serves to introduce reality. Without research, you may discover only a romanticized ideal of something you believe you will enjoy. Experimentation will resolve whether you have the natural ability or temperament required for the job you seek. And whether this job will fulfill your expectations and make you happy.

In 2013, a 29-year-old Brit named Matt Frost embarked on a journey to try 52 jobs in 52 weeks. His goal was to find what he wanted to do in life.

While that would be an extreme and impractical technique for most of us, the ability to experiment even when you have a full-time job is possible with commitment, some strategy and a little creativity. Below is an exercise I have successfully used to experiment and find my perfect job, career and life – the one I am living today. If you apply it to your own life, it will work for you, too.

#### 5. List all the jobs you've worked at in your life. Place an asterisk by the jobs you enjoyed most. Of the ones you asterisked, force-rank the jobs from most-liked to least-liked.

**Next, make a list of the jobs you've always wanted to try, but haven't had the courage or opportunity to attempt.** Next to each of these jobs explain why you have not tried them and what is stopping you from attempting them now.

**Now force-rank the list of jobs you've wanted to try from most interesting to least interesting.**

**Develop an action plan and timeline to try your top job of interest** – even if it is for only a few hours after your current day job, on a weekend or as a volunteer. Work your way down your list until you have had a chance to try each job.

**Take note of why you liked or disliked each new job and also if you wanted to try any of the jobs again.**

#### 6. Ensure Alignment on Your Journey

Once you discover what you are most passionate about, love, do best, and actually enjoy, the last step is to figure out how to make the money you need doing it.

This requires being committed to what you have now discovered about yourself and what your perfect job, career, and life are. Do not settle for less. At the very least, make a plan to continue moving in your desired direction without faltering and denying yourself a chance at happiness.

Making a plan requires going back to your themes, likes/dislikes plus finding a job and life situation that lets you earn a decent living. Even if you need to take a job simply to make money in the short-term, it is important to always keep committed to your longer-term goal. Such a journey is evolutionary and will take time, but the voyage will be well worth it.

Remember as you travel your path to achieving *your* perfect life that it must include *your* perfect job and career. When it comes to life perfection, there is no "work-life balance"; there is simply life and doing what you love and are best at – *your* perfection. Such alignment is where you will achieve your greatest level of success, happiness and fulfillment.