

# Unit 2

## Is It Women's Work?

### Warming Up

One important chore in households with children is taking care of the children. In some households, family members take care of the children. In other households, families want additional help, so they use child care. They hire people to take care of their children.

#### Activity 1

*Look at the list. Imagine you need a child care. Rank the things to consider when choosing child care in order of importance from 1 (most important) to 11 (least important).*

- \_\_\_\_\_ The child care is cheap.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It's convenient (near my work or home).
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker is friendly and caring with children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker is female.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker is male.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker speaks my language.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker is from my culture.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker has experience.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker has training, for example, he or she studied child care in school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker is someone I know, not a stranger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The child-care worker is my relative.

## Listening For Main Ideas

### Activity 2

*You are going to listen to an interview on a TV talk show. Listen to the introduction. Then answer the questions.*

1. What is the talk show about?
  - a. Men and women
  - b. Child care
  - c. Children
2. Who is Julie Jones going to interview?
  - a. A parent
  - b. A nanny
  - c. A young child
3. What are three questions you think Julie Jones will ask?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

### Activity 3

*Read the list of issue. Listen to the TV talk show. Put the issues in order from 1 to 5. (Which issue is discussed first, second, third, and so on?)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ The difference between a nanny and a sitter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Child care in the United States
- \_\_\_\_\_ What one husband thinks about male nannies
- \_\_\_\_\_ How this man became a nanny

## Listening For Details

### Activity 4

*Listen to the TV talk show again. Circle the letter of the sentence that is true.*

1. a. More than 50 percent of families with children in the US pay for child care.  
b. Fewer than 50 percent of families with children in the US pay for child care.
2. a. A woman is sometimes called a nanny.  
b. A man is sometimes called a nanny.
3. a. A male and female nanny do the same things.  
b. A male and female nanny do different things.
4. a. A sitter usually does household chores.  
b. A nanny usually does household chores.
5. a. This male nanny thinks child care is women's work.  
b. This male nanny doesn't think child care is women's work.
6. a. This male nanny went to a special school.  
b. This male nanny didn't go to a special school.
7. a. Most parents like male nannies.  
b. Some parents like male nannies
8. a. The woman who hired this male nanny was surprised.  
b. The woman who hired this male nanny wasn't surprised.
9. a. At first, the woman's husband didn't like the nanny being alone with his wife.  
b. At first, the woman's husband liked the nanny being alone with his wife.
10. a. This male nanny has friends who are nannies.  
b. This male nanny doesn't have friends who are nannies.

### Activity 5

*Listen to the conversations. The people are discussing men's and women's work.*

*Who do the people think can do the work? Circle men, women, or both. Then listen again and write the reason.*

	WHO CAN DO THE JOB?	REASON
<b>Conversation 1</b> What does the man think?	Men/women/both	
<b>Conversation 2</b> What does the man think?	Men/women/both	
<b>Conversation 3</b> What does the woman think?	Men/women/both	

## Listening Between the Lines

### Activity 6

*Listen to the excerpts from Listening One. Discuss these questions with a partner.*

#### Excerpt One

1. Who likes male nannies? Why? Think of three reasons.

#### Excerpt Two

1. Are male nannies the same as fathers? What are some differences?
2. Think back to when you were a child. Would you have liked a nanny? If yes, would you have liked a male or female nanny? Why?

# What's my job?

## Warming Up

There are good and bad points about every job. So when choosing the best job for yourself, you need to think carefully about what is most important to you. It's also a good idea to think about your skills and interests. Skills are abilities, or things you do well, and interests are things you like to do. Most people are happy with a job that matches their skills and their interests.



### Activity 7

*Look at the pictures of the people the previous page. Discuss these questions with the class.*

1. What jobs are they?
2. Which job is preferable?
3. Which job has the highest salary? Which job has the lowest salary? Why?
4. Should any of the jobs have a higher or lower salary? Why?
5. In addition to salary, what consideration do people usually take when applying for a job?

### Activity 8

*Look at the list of things consider when choosing a job. Rank the items in order of importance from 1 to 7. Number 1 is the most important and number 7 is the least important*

- \_\_\_\_\_ salary (how much money you make)
- \_\_\_\_\_ hours (what hours you work)
- \_\_\_\_\_ safety (how safe the work is)
- \_\_\_\_\_ workplace (indoors, outdoors, in an office)
- \_\_\_\_\_ interest (how much you like the work)
- \_\_\_\_\_ demand (how easy it is to find a job)
- \_\_\_\_\_ education (how much schooling you need for the job)

## Listening For Main Idea

### Activity 9

*Complete the following sentences based on the tape you hear.*

1. You are listening to a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. job interview
  - b. game show
  - c. radio show

2. Wayne is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. host                      b. contestant                      c. guest
3. Rita is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. host                      b. contestant                      c. guest
4. Peter is going to describe \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. his job                      b. his company                      c. himself
5. What do you think Peter will talk about? Circle more than one answer.  
 a. what he does                      b. where he works                      c. how much money he makes  
 d. his skills                      e. his interests

### Activity 10

*You will listen to a game show about offbeat jobs. Peter will talk about his job. Read the statements. Circle the best answer to complete each sentence.*

1. Rita asks Peter \_\_\_\_\_ questions.  
 a. Two                      b. three                      c. four
2. Peter works in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Restaurant                      b. factory                      c. bakery
3. Peter is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. A factory worker                      b. a chef                      c. an ice-cream taster
4. Peter has to be careful with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. His taste buds                      b. the ice cream                      c. the factory machine
5. The people in Peter's family have been \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time.  
 a. Ice cream taster                      b. in the restaurant                      c. in the ice cream business

## Listening For Details

### Activity 11

*Listen again. Read the sentences. Decide if they are true or false. Write T or F on the lines.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Peter can be creative at work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Peter thinks of new ice-cream flavors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. He eats all the ice cream at work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. He doesn't eat spicy foods.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. He doesn't drink alcohol or coffee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. He smokes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. He has a one million-dollar insurance policy for his taste buds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. He studied ice-cream tasting in school.

### Activity 12

1. Look at the pictures above. Where does each person work? What job is each person doing?
2. Listen to the people talking about their jobs. Write the number of the conversation under the correct picture on page 7.
3. Listen again. Look at the statements in the chart. Write WW if the statement is true for the **window washer** and PS if the statement is true for **professional shopper**. Some statements may be true for both. The first one is done for you.

a. I like my job	WW, PS
b. I work outdoors	
c. I earn a high salary	



d. My work is dangerous	
e. I like to work with people	
f. I'm good with money	
g. I'm good with my hands	
h. My work is tiring	
i. It was difficult to get started in this job	
j. I have my own business	

## Listening Between the Lines

### Activity 13

*Listen to the excerpts from Listening One. Discuss your answer to the questions with the class.*

### Excerpt One

1. Does Wayne say that Peter's job is easy or difficult?
2. Listen to Wayne's tone of voice. What do you think Wayne really thinks about Peter's job?
3. Do you think Peter's job is difficult or easy? Why do you think so?
4. Do you think you could do Peter's job?

### Excerpt Two

1. Did Peter go to ice-cream tasting school?
2. Listen to Wayne's tone of voice. Why do you think he asks Peter that question?
3. How did Peter get started as an ice cream taster?
4. What do you think is the best way to get started in a job?

## Post-Listening

### Activity 14

*You have learned about some unusual jobs. Read the following questions and write 1, 2, or 3 for each one.*

*1 = ice cream taster*

*2 = window washer*

*3 = professional shopper*

*Then compare your answers in a group. Explain your answers.*

*Example:* I think the ice cream taster's job is the most unusual because I don't think there are very many ice cream tasters.

*Which job do you think is:*

\_\_\_\_\_ the most unusual?

\_\_\_\_\_ the most difficult?

\_\_\_\_\_ the most tiring?

\_\_\_\_\_ the most important?

\_\_\_\_\_ the most relaxing?

\_\_\_\_\_ the most dangerous?

\_\_\_\_\_ the most offbeat?

\_\_\_\_\_ the highest paid?

*Which job would you most like to have? Which job wouldn't you like to have? Explain.*