

Reading — Interview & Diary

Jamie is doing a school project about jobs. He interviewed a famous lawyer today. Read the transcript of the interview.

Interviewer - Jamie (J)

Interviewee - Oscar Benjamin (O)

J: Good morning, Mr Benjamin!

O: Good morning, Jamie! You can call me Oscar.

J: Sure, Oscar. Thanks for giving me a chance to interview you. I know you are a famous lawyer. What do you usually do? Go to court?

O: A lawyer does much more than that. Before going to court, I have to understand my clients' request and do a lot of research about laws and cases. I also have to prepare documents and facts for **rebuttal**.

J: Oh, it seems quite boring...

O: Yes, so don't believe completely what TV dramas present. Sometimes I feel bored with so much paperwork. However, being a lawyer is a meaningful and **challenging** job. I believe that all lawyers have a responsibility to **uphold** justice. And I feel **satisfied** every time I help my clients fight for what they **deserve** to get.

J: How can one become a lawyer?

O: I guess you will have to be **diligent** to **recite** the laws. Language skills are also important because you will have to **convince** the judge and the jury.

J: Lawyers like you earn a lot, right?

O: Haha... Oh, I have a meeting with my friend. It's time to go. See you!

J: Wait...

Jamie also interviewed a nurse, Ms Cheng. Read his diary about the interview.

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Dear Diary,

Miss Lee asked us to interview people of different occupations.

Apart from Oscar, I also interviewed a nurse, Ms Cheng. She told me that she had to assist doctors, measure patients' body temperature and blood pressure, make records and serve meals. What a busy job! She said that I was careful enough to be a nurse. But I'm afraid of blood and hate to stay in a hospital or clinic. Although it is a **stable** and high-income job, it is obviously not my cup of tea.

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences and blacken the correct circles.

1. Oscar is a _____ and Ms Cheng is a _____.

☐ A. nurse ; lawyer

☐ B. barrister ; nurse

☐ C. solicitor ; doctor

☐ D. accountant ; vet

2. Fill in the following table.

	Lawyer	Nurse
Workplace	e.g. <u>Court</u>	(iii) _____ or (iv) _____
Qualities required	(i) _____ (ii) _____	(v) _____

3. According to Oscar, which of the following is NOT a job duty of a lawyer?

- ☐ A. get the written evidence ready ☐ B. study legal cases
- ☐ C. ensure victory in every case ☐ D. figure out what clients want

4. Oscar said "don't believe completely what TV dramas present" (line 9), what does he mean? Complete the following sentence.

Lawyers not only _____

5. All of the following are nature of work of a nurse mentioned in the passage EXCEPT _____.

- ☐ A. heavy workload ☐ B. long working hours
- ☐ C. high wages ☐ D. secure

6. When Jamie asked Oscar about his salary, Oscar feels _____.

- ☐ A. impressed ☐ B. interested
- ☐ C. disappointed ☐ D. embarrassed

7. Oscar chose to be a lawyer while Jamie does not plan to be a nurse. Give two reasons for each of their choices.

(i) Oscar :

(ii) Jamie :

8. Which of the following is NOT a nurse's responsibility?

- ☐ A. cure diseases ☐ B. look after patients
- ☐ C. provide assistance to doctors ☐ D. keep records of patients' measurements

9. What does Jamie mean when he says that the job of a nurse "is not my cup of tea" (line 6-7) in the diary?

10. Features of a diary entry include: (You can choose more than one.)

- ☐ A. date ☐ B. emotions
- ☐ C. recipient's name and address ☐ D. title and sub-headings

B. Fill in the blanks by using the following vocabularies.

rebuttal	challenging	uphold	satisfied	deserve
diligent	recite	convince	apart from	stable

1. As a good citizen, we are expected to _____ the law and justice.
2. She issued a point-by-point _____ of the company's accusations.
3. After all that hard work, you _____ a holiday.
4. _____ the salary, it's not a bad job.
5. The lawyer managed to _____ the jury of the defendant's innocence.
6. He resigned from the company in order to take a more _____ job.
7. The lawyers are extremely _____ in preparing their case.
8. After several part-time jobs, he gets a _____ job in a bank.
9. I don't feel quite _____ after my meal. I am still hungry.
10. Peter _____ the poem confidently in the speech contest and finally gets the champion.

