



You are going to read a passage about the best jobs in the world. For questions **1 – 8** choose the answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) which you think fits best according to the text.

## The best jobs in the world

- A young woman from Birmingham has landed her dream job ... literally! Roisin Madigan, 22, is earning £1,000 a month to sleep in designer beds every day. The company has chosen Roisin to test out luxury beds, record the results in a journal and blog out about her ... sleeping experiences. Unfortunately (for her) the position will last only 30 days!
- Two young men have been hired by Google to ride around France on dopey looking tricycles. Equipped with a long pole holding nine cameras, a GPS system, a computer and a generator, they have to take photos of historical sites that are inaccessible by car. They will then add three-dimensional images to Google's StreetView Maps. For those who love Paris this is certainly the best job in the world: being paid to ride around Versailles, west of Paris, the Jardin du Luxembourg, the Left Bank, or Les Halles. What kind of job is this? A sports job? A computer job? An arts job? Whatever it is, it's a cool job.
- It's Harry Willsher, aged 12, who, after winning a contest at Swizzell's Matlow, obtained another of the world's best jobs: chief taster in a sweet factory. His job consists in testing top secret recipes. After his first tour at the factory, he was impressed: "It was like I was inside Willy Wonka's factory, especially when I saw the Rainbow Drops machine, which pops out lots of brightly coloured sweets". And he added: "This is my dream job. I just hope I can do it when I grow up". What does Will's job consist of? As well as testing the sweets, he will also monitor their development at the company's factory in New Mills, Derbyshire.
- The best job in the world, probably not for an adult but certainly for a kid, is the one obtained by Sam Pointon, a six-year-old boy. He wanted to become the director of York's National Railway Museum and wrote an application to replace the retiring boss. He sent his letter headed "Application for director" asking for an interview at the centre, in York. In the letter he included his credentials for the role, in particular his expertise on his train set. "I am only six but I think I can do this job," wrote Sam. "I have an electrick (sic) train track. I am good on my train track. I can control two trains at once". Members of the staff were so impressed that they appointed Sam an honorary "Director of Fun". His job consists of telling the staff what he thinks should be done in the museum to make it the most fun place for kids to spend a day out.
- Kirsten Schimoler is a product developer and flavour guru for Ben & Jerry's ice-cream. She has been training for this job since she was young. Her parents had a restaurant and wine business, and her father had done some product development to which she also contributed. "I've always loved to cook, my brother and I would go into the kitchen and create things, working with a family friend on recipe development in the summers," she said. Kirsten studied food science at Cornell University and worked at Unilever, doing product development home bistro meals. She applied for the job advertised in the paper by a company she'd "admired" since she was five: Ben & Jerry. In order to "develop" she must eat a lot of ice-cream. As she says: "I get to eat ice-cream all day. In fact, some days it's breakfast!"



- 1 A young woman from Birmingham has landed her dream job ... literally! Roisin Madigan's task is
- A to observe beds and write about them.
  - B to sleep in beds and give opinions about them.
  - C to write in her journal and blog if the luxury beds of her hotel are comfortable.
  - D to sleep in beds and sell them.
- 2 Two young men have been hired by Google to ride around France
- A to take photos of historical sites and put them as three-dimensional images on blogs.
  - B to take photos of historical sites and sell the best ones to blogs.
  - C to take part in bike races and take photos of sites and streets.
  - D to write in blogs about their travel experiences.
- 3 Harry Willsher is a 12-year-old boy who works in a sweet factory. His job consists of
- A eating sweets and saying which have gone bad.
  - B training in order to win contests.
  - C tasting sweets to decide which the best ones are and report the results to the media.
  - D tasting sweets and following the production without revealing anything about them to the media.
- 4 What does he think about his future?
- A He knows that he's going to do this when he grows up.
  - B He hopes that this will be his job when he grows up.
  - C He doesn't want to work in the sweet factory when he grows up.
  - D He understands there is no chance for him to work in the sweet factory when he grows up.
- 5 Sam Pointon's job consists of
- A writing about the means of transport to get to York's National Railway Museum.
  - B replacing the retiring director of the museum.
  - C telling people what to do in order to improve the museum.
  - D telling the staff of the museum what to do.
- 6 The members of staff were impressed by
- A Sam's interview.
  - B Sam's letter.
  - C Sam's determination.
  - D Sam's work.
- 7 Kirsten Schimoler has worked as an ice-cream flavour creator
- A since she was a child.
  - B since immediately after university.
  - C after working for another factory.
  - D at the end of her career.
- 8 In order to develop Kirsten must eat a lot of ice-cream
- A very often and sometimes also at breakfast.
  - B in restaurants and bistros.
  - C every day of the week.
  - D in the morning.