

Before you read**1 Answer these questions about yourself.**

- What job would you most like to do? Why?
- What job would you least like to do? Why?

2 What do you think are the most important factors when choosing a job? Put these factors in order of importance from 1 (most important) to 6 (least important).

	money
	satisfaction
	opportunity to travel
	fun
	working with other people
	easy to do

3 You are going to read about a girl called Heather. She has an interesting job. All of these words are related to Heather's job.

animation plasticine model film
computer 3-D

Can you guess what Heather's job is?

- She's a computer programmer
- She makes models for films
- She's an actress

Job File

A Heather's lucky start

Heather is 18 years old. Last year she won a design competition for schools sponsored by a film studio in Manchester. The winner of the competition was given a digital camera and the possibility of working in the film studio for a year. Heather decided to accept the job offer before going to university to study Art and Design because this would be very good experience for her. The studio where she works specializes in making cartoons and animation for television.

B

Heather normally starts work at 9.00 am and finishes at 5.30 pm, but when the studio is under pressure to finish a film she sometimes has to work very long hours. Last week she didn't get home until 2 in the morning! Despite this, she really likes her job because she feels part of a team and they treat her like an adult. It is also nice to have some money to buy clothes and CDs.

C

Heather's work is varied. She has to draw pictures to give ideas to the animators and she is learning how to use different 3-D computer programs to generate animation. Her favourite job involves making models using plasticine, papier-maché, rubber and clay. Once



the structure of the model is complete, it has to be painted. One model can take many weeks to finish.

D

At the moment, Heather is building a model of a spider. It is very difficult because the spider has to move in a realistic and frightening way. She thinks that this will take her about three weeks. When she has finished the model she will give it to Jim, the 3-D operator, to scan into the computer and animate. In the story, Heather's spider guards the entrance to a cave full of treasure. Xanu, the hero of the series, has to fight the spider and kill it. Next year Heather will be able to see her work on television. She is really excited by the idea.

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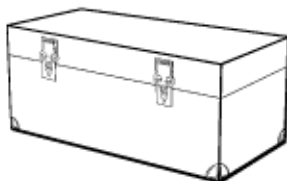
When she finishes university, she would like to work for a top animation company and help to make big Hollywood movies.

Imagine English 4

Reading Worksheet A

While you read

- 4 Check your answer in 3.
- 5 Look at these titles. Read the text again and write the titles in the correct boxes above the paragraphs.



6 Read the text again and answer these questions.

- a What did Heather win? _____

- b What does the studio do? _____

- c Does Heather always finish at 5.30 pm?

- d Why does she like her job? _____

- e What materials does she use? _____

f How long does it take her to make a model?

g What is she making at the moment?

h What will Jim do when the model is finished?

i In the series what does Xanu do to the spider?

After you read

7 Imagine you have a job that you love. Write a description of it. Think about:

- how you got it
- why you like it
- your daily routine
- what your job involves (what you have to do)
- what you are doing at the moment
- your plans for the future

