

Before you start

1 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 What are your plans when you finish school?
- 2 Do you want to use, or think you will need to use, IT in your job?
- 3 Make a list of jobs which use IT.

Reading

2 Read the quotes and write the name of the students by the jobs they want.

- 1 Web designer _____
- 2 Computer programmer _____
- 3 Database administrator _____
- 4 E-commerce manager _____

Elissa



“I’m interested in writing software. My friends say I’m a techno-nerd because I prefer working with computers to people. Money is important but I’d rather do a job I enjoy. I want to take a distance-learning course so I can study at home.”

Katie



“I like shopping and I think the future of business is on the Internet. I’m good with computers but I also like working with people. I’d like to manage my own online company. This will give me a lot of responsibility. E-commerce comes with risks, but the rewards are high when you succeed.”

Martin



“Many people like Web design, but I think data management gives more job security. There is so much information on the Internet, and companies need people who know how to store, manage and retrieve data. I want to get my degree and work for a good company.”

Peter



“I’m using JavaScript to make my website more interactive. After college, I’d like to try telecommuting. This is working at home, using e-mail to communicate with clients. I want freedom, flexibility and long holidays, which you don’t get by working in an office.”

3 Write E, K, M or P. Which student:

- 1 wants to work at home?
- 2 wants a secure job?
- 3 does not want to study in college?
- 4 wants to choose when to work?
- 5 wants to manage people?
- 6 likes working with data?
- 7 wants to be rich and successful?
- 8 uses a coding system for web pages?

Vocabulary

4 Underline the ways of expressing *like* or *want* in the quotes, then choose the correct answer.

- 1 _____ telecommuting to working in an office.
a I’d rather b I prefer c I like
- 2 _____ to do a distance-learning course.
a I’d prefer b I’d rather c I don’t like
- 3 _____ working long hours all the time.
a I’d prefer b I don’t like c It’s good
- 4 _____ to work with computers all day as I think it would be boring.
a I’d rather not b I wouldn’t like c I don’t like
- 5 _____ be a rich techno-nerd than poor and popular.
a I’d rather b I prefer c I like
- 6 _____ in being a secretary. I want a better job.
a I’m not interested b I’m thinking of
c I don’t like

Speaking

5 Work in groups. Rank the things you want from a job: 1 = most important, 10 = least important.

- a high salary ■ flexible working hours
- responsibility ■ interest or enjoyment
- a nice office ■ telecommuting
- long holidays ■ working with people
- security ■ excitement/risk
- good benefits, e.g. a company car, gym membership

Writing

6 Write a paragraph to say what kind of job you would like, and why.

▶ Get real

Choose an area of IT that you are interested in. Find information about courses offered by colleges and universities. Find other areas where there are jobs in IT. Report back to the class on what you need to start the course or to get a good job.