

Vocabulary: careers 词汇：职业

What did you want to be when you were growing up? A doctor, an engineer - or maybe a footballer or actor? We all had big plans for our futures and believed there was a **dream job** waiting for us – one that would pay well and give great **job satisfaction**. But how realistic was that?

Today, in the UK at least, young people are being warned that some of their career hopes and dreams don't match the types of jobs available. Research by the charity Education and Employers suggests five times as many 17 and 18 year-olds in the UK want to work in **art, culture, entertainment** and sport than there are jobs.

The **glamour** and excitement of working in these **employment sectors** is obviously a **draw**. But those looking for these types of job will be 'destined for disappointment'. That's what the report, *Disconnected: Career aspirations and jobs in the UK*, says. Writing about this for the BBC, Katherine Sellgren points out that while young people are keen to work in art, entertainment, culture and sport, the economy is unlikely to need them all. In the meantime, there is a **shortfall** of young people wanting to work in careers such as **catering** and **retail**.

Previous research about the career **aspirations** of young people by the Office for National Statistics also found a '**reality gap**' between their dreams and the sometimes disappointing truth by the time they reached their early to late-20s. Apart from those who aimed to go into teaching, fewer than one in 50 were in the jobs they had wanted – such as a doctor, vet, firefighter or actor. Most were working as **sales assistants, carers** or in **sales and marketing**.

While it's good to have aspirations, the aims of young people need to be realistic. This latest report suggests that children need to be made more aware of a wider variety of **occupations** at a younger age. It also calls for improved **careers advice** in secondary schools. A spokeswoman for the Department for Work and Pensions told the BBC that "early careers advice can help young people set out on the right path to the job that **channels** their interests and **unlocks their potential**."

词汇表

dream job	理想的工作
job satisfaction	工作满意度
art	艺术
culture	文化
entertainment	娱乐
glamour	诱惑力
employment sector	就业行业
draw	有吸引力的事物
shortfall	短缺
catering	餐饮业
retail	零售
aspiration	理想, 志向
reality gap	与现实的差距
sales assistant	销售员
carer	照顾者, 护工
sales and marketing	销售和市场
occupation	职业, 工作
careers advice	职业规划
channel	把……导入
unlocks one's potential	释放……潜力

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What is the issue for young people hoping to work in the art, culture, entertainment and sport employment sectors?

2. Why might a young person be drawn to working in art, culture, entertainment and sport?

3. True or false? *Research by the Office for National Statistics found a majority of people surveyed ended up working as sales assistants, carers or in sales and marketing.*

4. Which employment sector in the UK needs more people to work in it?

5. According to the report, what should younger children be made of aware of?

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. I love all the _____ of the Oscars, so I always stay up late to watch it.

dream job	glamour	aspirations	shortfall
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2. With my limited amount of money, I have to be _____ about the size of house I can afford to buy.

retail	realise	realistic	realistical
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3. There seems to be a _____ of plumbers because I can't find anyone to fix my boiler!

culture	occupation	shortfall	reality gap
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4. My job doesn't give me any _____, so it's time for a new job.

job satisfaction	job satisfying	jobs satisfaction	job satisfy
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5. When I was little, I had _____ to be an actor in a big Hollywood movie.

dream job	culture	glamour	aspirations
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答案

1. What is the issue for young people hoping to work in the art, culture, entertainment and sport employment sectors?

There are more people wanting to work in these sectors than there are jobs.

2. Why might a young person be drawn to working in art, culture, entertainment and sport?

The glamour and excitement of working in these employment sectors is obviously a draw.

3. True or false? *Research by the Office for National Statistics found a majority of people surveyed ended up working as sales assistants, carers or in sales and marketing.*

True. Apart from those who aimed to go into teaching, less than one in 50 were in the jobs they had wanted with most working as sales assistants, carers or in sales and marketing.

4. Which employment sector in the UK needs more people to work in it?

There is a shortfall of young people wanting to work in careers such as catering and retail.

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This latest report suggests that children need to be made more aware of a wider variety of occupations at a younger age.

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5. When I was little, I had **aspirations** to be an actor in a big Hollywood movie.