

a Hard at work









Vocabulary Work

- 1 a) In a minute think of as many jobs as possible.
 - b) Look at the jobs in the pictures. Who works: 9-5? shifts? at the weekends? long hours? on their own? with a team? gets: paid well? low wages?

Character adjectives

- Complete the sentences with a suitable job from those in Ex. 1.
 - 1 A(n) has to be brave; they do dangerous things at work.
 - 2 A(n) has to be organised; they need to plan their work well.
 - 3 A(n) has to be creative; they need to develop original ideas.
 - 4 A(n) has to be caring; they need to look after sick people.
 - 5 A(n) has to be patient; they need to stay calm and not get annoyed.

Study skills

Predicting content
The key words of a text help you predict its content.

Reading

secretary

- 3 a) The words in the Check these words box on p. 9 are the key words of the text. Read the words. What do you expect the text to be about?
 \(\ightarrow \) Listen, read and check.
 - b) Read the text again and choose the correct answer A, B or C.
 - 1 Smokejumpers travel to the fire zone
 A through forests B by road C by air
 - 2 Before becoming a smokejumper, they must learn how to

A train B parachute C work as a team

- 3 Smokejumpers are always trying to become A tough B fit C better
- 4 When smokejumpers parachute into a forest, they don't carry

A tools B water C a backpack

- Zach's favourite part of the job isA flying the aeroplane B parachuting
 - C fighting the fire

When it comes to tough jobs, nothing beats being a smokejumper!

Smokejumpers are elite firefighters who risk their lives fighting forest fires in remote areas. They bravely parachute out of aeroplanes into burning forests, where they quickly get to work putting the fire out.

A smokejumper's duties are not easy. They have to do long, tough training before they can become part of a team. Smokejumpers need to be very good parachutists, and know how to read maps to get out of a forest safely. "To be a smokejumper you need to be very fit, and able to work for long hours in difficult conditions," says Zach Meyers, a smokejumper at West Yellowstone. "We train all the time and we're always trying to improve."

When they parachute into a fire zone they wear a padded jump jacket and trousers, boots, gloves, a face mask and a helmet. They also carry a backpack with some food and water, and a fire shelter. The aeroplane drops the tools and equipment they need to fight the fire.

"People think that smokejumpers have a very dangerous job, but we don't see it like that," says Zach with a smile. "This job keeps me happy. I love the feeling I get when I jump out of the aeroplane and fly through the air. I wouldn't want any other job in the world."

4	Use words from the	Check these words
	box to complete the	sentences.

smokejumper

Check these words

tough job, beat, elite, risk, remote areas,

put out, duty, training,

fit, fire zone, padded,

bravely, parachute,

face mask, helmet,

backpack, drop

- 1 They tried to the fire with buckets of water until the firefighters arrived.
- 2 Smokejumpers parachute from aeroplanes into that can't be reached easily.
- 3 To be a firefighter you need to be and strong.
- 4 Firefighters go through difficult before they are ready to join the Fire Service.

see Grammar p. GR1 Adverbs of manner

Read the theory. Find examples in the text.

- Adverbs of manner describe how we do something. She talks slowly. (How does she talk? Slowly.)
- We usually form adverbs of manner by adding -ly to an adjective. slow - slowly, sudden - suddenly, careful carefully, quiet - quietly, etc
- Sometimes, we need to change the spelling. easy - easily, true - truly, gentle - gently
- Some adverbs keep the same form as the adjective. fast, hard, late, early, etc
- Irregular form: good well

- Form adverbs. Use them to complete the sentences (1-6).
 - 1 good 4 happy 2 brave 5 quick
 - 3 careful 6 hard
 - 1 The men check the area for fires.
 - 2 Smokejumpers have to train very 3 They use aeroplanes to get to the fire
 - 4 Zach smiles when he talks about his job.
 - 5 They fought the dangerous fire and managed to put it out.
 - 6 Smokejumpers know the forest very

Speaking & Writing

- Read the text again and make notes under the headings: job, duties, qualities needed, clothes & equipment, feelings. Imagine you are Zach. Use your notes to present your job to the class.
- THINK! Would you like to work as a smokejumper? Why? Why not? In three minutes write a few sentences about the topic. Read your sentences to your partner or the class.