Jobs Pre-Intermediate

1 Look at the jobs below and match them to the correct description.

a manager | a mechanic | an architect | a journalist | a hairdresser | an accountant

She works in an office, and she tells people what to do.
He writes articles for a newspaper.
She designs buildings.
He repairs cars.
She helps people with their money.
She cuts people's hair.

2 Look at the phrases below. Match each phrase with its opposite. For example:
it's well-paid = it's badly paid

it's well-paid
you work indoors
you need very good qualifications
it's hard work
it's relaxing
you can go home early
it's a very boring job

it's stressful
you work long hours
it's easy and fun
it's badly paid
it's exciting work
you work outdoors
you don't need to pass many exams to do this job

Now describe one of the jobs in 1 to your partner using the words above. Can your partner guess which job you are describing?

3 Read the following description of an unusual job. Which job is being described?

I really enjoy my job. It's hard work, and I work very long hours, but it's lots of fun. Sometimes I have to wait for hours and hours before a famous pop star or film star comes out of a hotel or theatre. But when I get the right picture it's very exciting. I work for a national newspaper, but I don't spend much time in the office. I'm always running round the city with my best friend – my camera.

Now write a description of an interesting or unusual job that you know.

4 Prepare to talk about an interesting job you have had or would like to have. Read the questions below and write a few notes about your job or the job that you would like to do.

1   What is the job?
2   What do you have to do in the job?
3   What is a typical day like for the person who does this job?
4   What do you like about it?
5   What do you dislike about it?

5 Now ask your partner about an interesting job they have had or would like to have.