

A dream job (Reading and vocabulary)

- Description:** Scanning a known text to find certain words and phrases
- Use with or after:** *English Network 2 (New Edition)*, Unit 2, Step 3.
- Skill:** Reading and vocabulary
- Focus:** Students scan a text to find words that mean the opposite of the given prompt, and phrases that mean the same as the prompt.
- Time:** 10 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out the worksheet and make a copy for each student.
 - Cut on the dotted line to remove the key.
- Procedure:**
- Make sure the students understand that they are supposed to scan the text for words that mean the opposite in items 1–10, and for phrases that mean the same in items 11–17.
 - Insist that they find and mark the words or phrases in the text, in addition to writing them on the worksheet. (This might be a good time to explain that scanning a text for specific bits of information is an important component of the skill of reading comprehension.)
 - Students complete the worksheet individually or with a partner.
 - Alternatively, you could also assign it as homework – but in this case please make sure they have understood the instructions before they leave!
 - Distribute the key afterwards so they can check their answers.

Look at the text “A dream job” on page 33 of *English Network 2 (New Edition)*. Find words in the text that mean the opposite of these words. Mark them in the text and write them here.

1 bought → _____

6 old (places) → _____

2 hate → _____

7 short → _____

3 late → _____

8 stop → _____

4 not very many → _____

9 worse → _____

5 old (people) → _____

10 worst → _____

Now find phrases in the text that mean the same as these phrases. Mark them in the text and write them here.

11 between 1960 and 1965 → _____

12 they became man and wife → _____

13 they went to a lot of restaurants → _____

14 they became members → _____

15 the business began to become very successful → _____

16 real opinions → _____

17 they are very happy and excited → _____

**Key:**

1 sold, 2 love, 3 early, 4 numerous, 5 young, 6 new, 7 long, 8 start, 9 better, 10 best

11 the early sixties, 12 they got married, 13 they visited numerous restaurants, 14 they joined, 15 the business really took off, 16 genuine assessments, 17 they are very enthusiastic