

9<sup>th</sup> Lecture

**Elements of the lecture**

Skimming for the topic and main idea

Vocabulary Previewing

Reading Passage



**2 Skimming for the Topic and the Main Idea** Read these paragraphs quickly. Don't worry about the details. When you finish, write the topic and main idea of each paragraph.

**A. Topic: Steps of finding a job.**

Main Topic: There were several

possible steps to find jobs

Not very long ago.

They (Paragraph A, Line 2) \_\_\_\_\_

## Looking for Work in the 21st Century

A Not very long ago, when people needed to find a job, there were several possible steps. They might begin with a look through the classified ads in the newspaper. They could go to the personnel office at various companies and fill out an application, or they could go to an employment agency. They could even find out about a job opening through word-of-mouth—from another person who had heard about it.

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▲ Classified Ads

B These days, job hunting is more complicated. The first step is to determine what kind of job you want (which sounds easier than it is) and make sure that you have the right education for it. Rapid changes in technology and science are creating many professions that never existed until recently. It is important to learn about them because one might be the perfect profession for you. The fastest-growing areas for new jobs are in computer technology and health services. Jobs in these fields usually require specific skills, but you need to find out exactly which skills and which degrees are necessary. For example, it may be surprising to learn that in the sciences, an M.S. is more marketable than a Ph.D.! In other words, there are more jobs available for people with a Master of Science degree than for people with a doctorate. (However, people who want to do research still need a Ph.D.)

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea: \_\_\_\_\_

C How do people learn about "hot" new professions? How do they discover their "dream job"? Many people these days go to a career counselor. In some countries, job hopping has become so common that career counseling is now "big business." People sometimes spend large amounts of money for this advice. In Canada and the United States, high school and college students often have access to free vocational counseling services on campus. There is even a career organization, the Five O'Clock Club, which helps members to set goals. Members focus on this question: what sort of person do you want to be years from now? The members then plan their careers around that goal. All career counselors—private or public—agree on one basic point: it is important for people to find a career that they love. Everyone should be able to think, "I'm having such a good time. I can't believe they're paying me to do this."

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea: \_\_\_\_\_

D After people have determined what their dream job is, they need to find it. The biggest change in job hunting these days is the use of the Internet. More and more employers are advertising job openings on their computer websites. More and more job hunters are applying for jobs online. There are also several thousand job boards, among them HotJobs.com, Jobsjobsjobs.com, and Monster.com. Some people think that online job hunting is only for people in technology fields, but this isn't true. Over 65 percent of online job seekers are from nontechnical fields. Even truck drivers now find jobs on the Internet!

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea: \_\_\_\_\_

E So how does this work? A job seeker can reply to a "Help Wanted" notice on a company's website. This person can also post his or her résumé (page with information about education and work experience) on one—or many—of the online job boards. If a company is interested, the person still has to take the next step the old-fashioned way—actually go to the job interview and perhaps take a skills test. However, even this might soon change. In the near future, companies will be able to give the person a skills test and check his or her background (job history and education) online. But what about the interview? Companies will soon be able to interview the person by videolink, so people can interview for jobs in other cities—or even other countries—without leaving home. Clearly, job hunting is not what it used to be.

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Topic: **Job Hunting Steps nowadays**

Main Idea:

**Job hunting has become more complicated these days**

Them (Paragraph B, Line 11) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Topic: **Career Counseling**

Main idea:

**Job hopping has become so common that career counseling is now big business**

It (Paragraph D, Line 33) \_\_\_\_\_

D. Topic:

**Internet and Job Hunting**

Main Idea:

**More and more job hunters are applying for jobs online.**

It (Paragraph D, Line 33) \_\_\_\_\_

E. Topic:

**Online Job Hunting Steps**

Main Idea:

**Job hunting nowadays is not what it used to be**

Them (Paragraph D, Line 36) \_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary Previewing ( pages 123 / 131 / 135 )

No.	New words		meanings
1	harbor	N	A place by sea for ships and boats
2	gap	N	A space between two things / a difference
3	nutrients	N	Very useful food
4	obstacles	N	hindrances
5	benefits	N	advantages
6	Areas	N	places
7	detective	N	An inspector who looks for criminals
8	Look for	V	search
9	reduce	V	Make less
10	require	V	Need or want
11	astonish	V	surprise

Vocabulary Previewing ( pages 121 / 133 / 135 )

No.	New words		Meanings
12	Excite	V	Make happy
13	Relax	V	to rest
14	interest	N	Concern / benefit
15	Challenge	V	Stand against
16	Frighten	V	Horrify / terrify / make others feel afraid
17	Hold back	PV	Stop or prevent
18	Alone	Adj	Away from others/ nobody with him/ her

**Questions**

1. The word " \_\_\_\_\_ " is closest in meaning to the word " surprise ".
  - a. terrify
  - b. challenge
  - c. laugh
  - d. astonish
2. If you go to the \_\_\_\_\_ you will see many boats and ships.
  - a. harbor
  - b. office
  - c. hospital
  - d. restaurant
3. The word "need" is closest in meaning to the word \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. question
  - b. visit
  - c. require
  - d. invest
4. The phrase " a space/ distance between two things or persons " is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. building
  - b. street
  - c. wall
  - d. gap
5. The word " \_\_\_\_\_ " is closest in meaning to the phrase " make less ".
  - a. reduce
  - b. widen
  - c. require
  - d. worsen
6. Most people prefer to \_\_\_\_\_ by the sea coast.
  - a. relax
  - b. test
  - c. work
  - d. type
7. The word "hindrances" is closest in meaning to the word \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. questions
  - b. obstacles
  - c. facilities
  - d. stories
8. The phrase " an inspector who looks for criminals " is called a/n \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. detective
  - b. astronaut
  - c. teacher
  - d. servant

**Read the Following Passage . P130**

F Travelers who return from a vacation often answer the question "How was your trip?" by saying, "Oh, it was out of this world!" By this idiom, they mean, of course, that their trip was amazing or wonderful. However, people will soon be able to use this expression literally, but it will be expensive.



▲ Would you like to travel into space?

Already, it's possible to go through the same training that astronauts go through. Just go to Star City, Russia. In addition to astronaut training, it's possible to experience one of their "Space Adventures." On one of these, for example, you can enter a special plane that gives you the feeling of weightlessness that astronauts experience—several minutes of zero-gravity. (Gravity is the force that keeps us on the Earth.) Two private individuals have already spent a week at the International Space Station, at a price of \$20,000,000 each. A number of companies are now planning projects to commercialize space in various ways. A California company, Scaled Composites, and a British company, Virgin

Galactica, are working on the creation of reusable vehicles that could carry passengers in the near future. Even the Hilton Hotel chain is considering building a space hotel. The main attractions will be the view (of Earth), the feeling of weightlessness, and the chance to take a hike . . . on the Moon. It goes without saying that the price will also be "out of this world."

Questions

Choose the most appropriate answer:

1. What do the travelers who come from a vacation say about their trip?
  - a. We were sick?
  - b. It was a long trip
  - c. Oh, it was out of the world
  - d. Oh, Nice trip
2. The underlined pronoun "it" line 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. the answer
  - b. the question
  - c. the trip
  - d. this world
3. which of the following is closest in meaning to special ? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. strong
  - b. enjoyable
  - c. public
  - d. private
4. literally means: \_\_\_\_\_ :
  - a. word by word
  - b. stay alive
  - c. unreal
  - d. wonderful
5. How long does it take to give you the feeling of weightlessness?
  - a. Two weeks
  - b. Three minutes
  - c. One hour
  - d. Several minutes
6. The underlined pronoun "their" line 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. amazing trips
  - b. people
  - c. travelers
  - d. the vacations
7. It is clear that a trip to space is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. expensive
  - b. tiring
  - c. public
  - d. dangerous
8. How much did the two individuals who stayed a week at I S S pay?
  - a. \$20,000,000
  - b. \$40,000,000
  - c. it was free
  - d. \$10,000,000
9. The most appropriate TOPIC of the reading passage is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. California Company
  - b. Travelling Into Space
  - c. Amazing Expression
  - D. Galactica
10. The MAIN IDEA of the passage is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. A trip to the sea is wonderful
  - b. It is very cheap to go to space
  - c. Space travelling is now possible
  - d. No one like to travel into space