

PART I: READING

- 1.1** Read the passage from *Good Life* magazine. Check (✓) the best prediction of what the reading is about. There is only one right answer.

Alex Mansfield drives a red sports car and wears a suit and tie to work every day. He isn't a businessman; Alex is a waiter at one of New York City's most popular restaurants.

- _____ A. sports cars
_____ B. business suits
_____ C. New York City
_____ D. a waiter

- 1.2** Now read the entire story. Use the information to choose the correct answers.

More Than a Job

Alex Mansfield drives a red sports car and wears a suit and tie to work every day. He isn't a businessman; Alex is a waiter at one of New York City's most popular restaurants. The food is very expensive at the restaurant, and Alex doesn't make a large salary, but he makes a huge amount of money from customers' tips.¹ "For me, being a waiter is more than a job; it is a career," he says. The restaurant hired Alex because the manager liked his long résumé: Alex has 15 years of experience as a waiter.

Alex enjoys the money, and a busy restaurant is an ideal work setting for him. "I have a good time, and I like talking to people," he says. Alex never feels bored or tired at work.

Alex likes restaurants, but he doesn't want to open a restaurant of his own. "I realized I don't have the skills to run a business," he explains. "I studied business in college, but I didn't do well." Alex thinks his job as a waiter has more rewards. He says, "As a waiter, I don't have to worry about money. In New York City there are 50,000 restaurants. I will never be out of work!"

¹ tip: extra money you give someone for good service

Check (✓) the best answer to complete each sentence.

1. Alex makes a lot of money from _____.
 A. cooking food
 B. opening restaurants
 C. customers' tips
 D. his business skills
2. Alex thinks his job is _____.
 A. fun
 B. boring
 C. popular
 D. unrewarding
3. Alex is probably a(n) _____ waiter.
 A. out of work
 B. inexperienced
 C. expert
 D. huge
4. Alex was an _____ business student in college.
 A. expert
 B. ideal
 C. unpopular
 D. unsuccessful
5. In the future, Alex will probably _____.
 A. open a new restaurant
 B. be out of work
 C. study business more
 D. be a waiter

- 1.3** Read the passage from "The Ideal Job" in NorthStar: Reading and Writing 2, Unit 1. Use the information from this reading and "More Than a Job" to complete the activity. The first one has been done for you.

The Ideal Job

"I get paid to make videos!"—Ryan

When I was 14, my uncle gave me his old video camera and I started making videos. I didn't do so well at school, but I loved getting to know people and making videos about them. I taught myself to edit the videos on this simple computer program that my dad had. One day a friend of my mom's asked me to make a video of her family. She wanted to send it to her mother who lived in China. It was totally fun, and she paid me \$150. Soon her friends asked me to make videos for them, and suddenly I had a business. That was 10 years ago. After awhile, I realized I had to learn more about video. So now I am studying video part-time and running my business. It's great!

Source: Based on information in Dave Curtin, "From Sky Diving Instructors to Fashion Consultants, Some Folks Just Love Their Jobs," Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service, 11 March 1996.

Description	Ryan	Alex	Both
He has many years of experience.			✓
1. He did not do well in school.			
2. He doesn't want to be in charge of a business.			
3. He likes people.			
4. He is a student now.			

PART 2: VOCABULARY

- 2.1** Read about how Alex found his job. Use the words from the box to fill in the blanks. Not all of the words will be used.

hired	manager	posting	salary
interview	out of work	résumé	updated

- At first, Alex was _____ and needed a job.
- Then, one day, he saw an Internet _____ for a job as a waiter.
- He sent his _____ to the restaurant.
- He went to a(n) _____.
- The restaurant _____ Alex.

2.2 Read the restaurant manager's interview with Alex. Use the words from the box to fill in the blanks. Not all of the words will be used.

ads	expert	rewards	skills
career	ideal	setting	specific

MANAGER: Did you hear about the job opening from our _____ in the newspaper?
1.

ALEX: No, I saw a posting on the Internet.

MANAGER: OK. I see you have 15 years experience. Is this your _____?
2.

ALEX: Yes, I love being a waiter, and I want to do this job forever.

MANAGER: Have you worked in another _____?
3.

ALEX: Yes, I worked in an office for a few months, but I didn't like it.

MANAGER: Can you tell me a(n) _____ reason why you didn't like it?
4.

ALEX: Yes, one reason I didn't like it was that I always felt bored.

MANAGER: What are your _____ as a waiter?
5.

ALEX: I have a good memory, and I work very fast. Also, I know how to make customers happy.

MANAGER: That sounds great! When can you start?

PART 3: SKILLS FOR WRITING

3.1 Write the words in the correct order to make questions.

new / like / your / do / job / you Do you like your new job _____?

1. boss / friendly / is / your / new _____?

2. setting / is / what / like / the _____?

3. do / what / you / need / training _____?

4. find / the / you / how / job / did _____?

5. skills / have / specific / what / you / do _____?

6. you / this / is / career / right / for / the _____?

3.2 Put the sentences in the correct order to make a paragraph. Write **A** next to the topic sentence, **B** next to the second sentence, **C** next to the third sentence, and **D** next to the concluding sentence.

- _____ 1. This job would be ideal because I love good food and entertaining people.
- _____ 2. I would like to be a restaurant owner one day in the future.
- _____ 3. I also think I have the necessary skills to run a business.
- _____ 4. For these reasons, I think I would be very successful.

PART 4: WRITING

A Paragraph and Its Topic Sentence (20 minutes)

Reread "More Than a Job," the story about Alex Mansfield. Do you want to run a business? Write a paragraph about why or why not.

- Say whether you are similar to or different from Alex.
- Write a clear topic sentence.
- Write three to five supporting sentences.
- Use the vocabulary and grammar from Unit 1.

Unit I Vocabulary Words				
career	ideal	manager	run a business	skills
hire	interview	rewards	setting	specific
Unit I Grammar: Descriptive Adjectives and Possessive Adjectives				
		[descriptive adjective]	[possessive adjective]	
• Alex doesn't make a large salary, but he likes his job.				