



Revealed: News reporter is the worst job in the world (but it's good news for death predictors)

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Before Reading

Think about the following questions before starting to read the text.

1. Do you think you have a good job?
2. Would you recommend it to your or a very good friend's child?
3. What makes a job good or bad?
4. If you had to train for a different job, what job would you choose? Why?

Text

CareerCast.com has analysed and ranked 200 careers according to five criteria: physical demands, income, stress, work environment and hiring outlook

It's official, I have the worst job in the world.

inferior in rank or status

how easy or hard it is to find a new job

gradually decreasing until little remains

soldier

someone versed in the collection and interpretation of numerical likelihood

audiology: The study of hearing, especially hearing defects and their treatment.

Making few demands; comfortable

not enough in amount

That's according to a new survey by the website CareerCast.com, who have analysed and ranked 200 careers and found the **lowly** news reporter to be the worst.

The jobs were ordered according to five criteria: physical demands, income, stress, work environment and **hiring outlook**, with long hours, low salaries and **dwindling** hiring and career progression prospects ensuring news reporters prop up the list.

Other careers in the bottom 10 include lumberjack, **enlisted military personnel**, actor, oil rig worker, dairy farmer, meter reader, postman, roofer, flight attendant and farmer.

Prospects were considerably better for **actuaries** however, as a pleasant work environment, low stress levels and strong hiring outlook suggests life is sweet for people who interpret statistics to determine the **probability** of accidents, sickness and deaths.

Biomedical engineers, software engineers, **audiologists**, financial planners and dental hygienists have equally **cushy** lives according to Career Cast, with a strong hiring outlook the major factor in the results.

According to Career Cast's publisher Tony Lee, a severe **shortage** of actuaries has dramatically increased wages in a job that already scored highly for low stress levels and pleasant work environment.

On the subject of news reporters scoring so low, Mr Lee said: "What probably pushed it to the bottom is that several things got worse. Job prospects decreased, the average salary continued to fall and work hours continued to rise. Those factors make the job more stressful."

Top and bottom of the list

1. Actuary
2. Biomedical Engineer
3. Software Engineer
4. Audiologist
5. Financial Planner
6. Dental Hygienist
7. Occupational Therapist
8. Optometrist
9. Physical Therapist
10. Computer Systems Analyst
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190. Farmer
191. Flight Attendant
192. Roofer
193. Mail Carrier
194. Meter Reader
195. Dairy Farmer
196. Oil Rig Worker
197. Actor
198. Enlisted Military Personnel
199. Lumberjack
200. Reporter

After Reading

Answer the following questions after reading the text.

1. Based on the text, what does an *Actuary* do?
2. Were you surprised by any of the results?
3. Can you find your job in the top of bottom of the list? Or in the full list on the webpage?
4. Do you agree with the five criteria based on which they drew up the list?
5. Would you add or remove any criteria?

Key

Vocabulary in Hungarian

English–Hungarian word list:

lowly szerény, alacsonyrangú, lenézett

hiring outlook álláskeresési kilátások

dwindling csökkenő

enlisted military personnel önkéntes katonai személyzet

actuaries biztosítási matematikus/statisztikus, kockázatelbíráló

probability valószínűség

audiologists hallással és halláskárosulással foglalkozó orvos/szakember

cushy kényelmes

shortage hiány

Please note that other translations of the vocabulary items are also possible depending on how you translate the sentence in which they occur.

Sentence Translation

A possible translation of the marked sentence:

The jobs were ordered according to five criteria: physical demands, income, stress, work environment and hiring outlook, with long hours, low salaries and dwindling hiring and career progression prospects ensuring news reporters prop up the list.

Az állásokat öt kritérium szerint tették sorba: fizikai terhelés, bevétel, stressz, munka körülmények, és álláskeresési kilátások. A hosszú munkaidő, az alacsony fizetések és az egyre csökkenő munka- és előrelépési lehetőségek biztosítják a riporterek sereghajtó szerepét.

After Reading Questions

1. Based on the text, what does an *Actuary* do?

They interpret statistics to determine the probability of accidents, sickness and deaths.

