

ELEMENTARY UNIT 2

- 1 Look at the list of jobs. Which job or jobs would you like to do? Why?

gardener florist chef teacher sports instructor
nurse hairdresser tourist guide

I'd like to be a chef. I love cooking!

- 2 Read the title of the article. Why do you think gardeners and florists are so happy in their jobs?
- 3 Read the article and check your answers in Exercise 2.
- 4 Read the article again. Who talks about the following: Dave (D), Chloe (C) or both (B)?
- 1 having a small business _____
 - 2 loving their job _____
 - 3 making a place beautiful _____
 - 4 the different seasons of the year _____
 - 5 working at weekends _____
 - 6 working with plants _____

Gardeners and florists are the happiest workers



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A new survey puts gardeners and florists at number one in the happiness league. But what makes them so happy?

Nine out of ten gardeners and florists say they are happy in their jobs. That compares with four out of ten office workers. We asked them why.

'I love my job! I spend all day in the open air, all year round, seven days a week! I love watching the plants grow and change from spring to summer to autumn.'

Dave, gardener, Brighton

Being in contact with nature and working outdoors are two very important things for gardeners. Florists' jobs are a little different. They don't work outdoors, they don't grow the flowers, but they are just as happy!

'I have a small flower shop in the town centre. I work five days a week and sometimes at weekends. I love every minute. I love flowers and I really like helping people decorate a hotel or a restaurant or a special place for a special occasion.'

Chloe, florist, Edinburgh

So, if you want to be happy at work, get a job as a gardener or a florist!

- 5 Find the phrases in the box in the article. Then match them with their synonyms 1–6.

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just as happy in the town centre
five days a week special occasion

- 1 90 percent _____
 - 2 equally happy _____
 - 3 a happy time like a birthday, wedding, etc. _____
 - 4 in the middle of the town _____
 - 5 Monday to Friday _____
 - 6 twelve months a year _____
- 6 2.1 Listen to Jon talking about his job. Is he a gardener or a florist? What does he like most about his job?

- 7 Listen again. Complete the sentences.

- 1 Jon works _____ but he loves it.
- 2 He starts work at _____ every day.
- 3 He goes to the flower _____ to buy fresh flowers.
- 4 The market opens at _____.
- 5 Jon loves the _____ and the smells in the market.
- 6 He likes to have a _____ and talk to the people selling the flowers.
- 7 He says that people use flowers to say a lot of _____ things.
- 8 Some people want to say sorry, some people want to say _____ and a lot of people want to say _____.

- 8 Number these actions in the correct order to show how Jon starts his day.

I open my shop. _____
I go to the flower market. _____
I have a coffee. _____
I get ready for the day. _____
I go to my shop. _____

- 9 Write five actions you do every day to start your day.

- 10 Share your list with a partner. Ask your partner what time he/she does the things on the list, and any other questions you want to ask.