

ANSWERS Unit One Salary Essay Gap Fill

It is sometimes said that a high salary is the most important factor in choosing a job. Do you agree?

Please choose from the words below to fill in the gaps:

consideration	well-paid	salary	to be taken into account
work environment	I would argue	fortune	The other point to be taken into account
working hours	significant	In this case	Likewise
work week	The first point to consider	factors	

It is, of course, important for people to earn a sufficiently high **salary** to support their lifestyle. This does not mean, however, that the salary is the only point to be taken into consideration when choosing a job. Indeed, **I would argue** that there are a number of other factors that are equally **significant**.

The first point to consider is why it may be a mistake to place too much emphasis on the salary. One reason why this is so is that you may select a job that is **well-paid** but ultimately unsatisfying. **In this case**, you may spend 8 hours a day being unhappy. Something else **to be taken into account** is that highly-paid jobs tend to be stressful and involve long **working hours**. For instance, many doctors have a 60 hour **work week** and they often suffer from burn out early in their careers and wish they had chosen a less stressful profession.

The other point to be taken into account is how other factors may matter more than the salary when deciding on a job. Indeed, most people would accept that the **work environment** is key to job satisfaction. If you are working alongside people you like and the atmosphere in the office is positive, you are much more likely to be satisfied in your work. **Likewise**, it is also critical that you actually enjoy what you do. For example, someone who is artistic is much

more likely to be happy working for a low salary teaching art than earning a **fortune** as a merchant banker.

a merchant banker = a banker who works at a merchant bank. A merchant bank is a bank that provides services for businesses, not individuals.

In conclusion, I would say that the salary should be only one **consideration** in choosing a job and that other **factors** such as job satisfaction and work environment are just as important.

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