

The Transcript

Listening. You will hear the conversation between the interviewer and the author of a new book. Choose the best answer for each question (A, B, C or D). You will hear the text twice. Now you have 30 seconds to look through the questions [Pause 30 seconds].

Now we begin.

Interviewer: Daniel Ash, your new book is a collection of articles about people with strange jobs.

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Daniel: Yes, I collected stories about unusual jobs from all over the world.

I.: So you're not talking about actors or shop assistants.

D.: No, all the people in the book have very strange jobs.

I.: I see it's organized into different industries, like the cleaning industry. But isn't cleaning a normal job?

D.: Normally, yes. But did you know there's a man in America called Brad Fields and he cleans chewing gum off the Statue of Liberty? Well, actually, now he's got a company called Gumbusters. But that's all they do – they clean gum off the streets and famous buildings of New York.

I.: Oh, what a horrible job!

D.: Yes, apparently Americans chew 56 billion pieces of chewing gum a year. Then they throw most of it onto the street. That's a lot of cleaning.

I.: OK, that job is quite unusual. But what about in the food industry?

D.: Well, when a company wants to advertise food they sometimes need a food stylist. Their job is to make food look good in advertisements.

I.: I've never heard of that job before.

D.: Well, there are only about 20 food stylists in Britain. For example, when we look at a picture of strawberries and cream we're really looking at strawberries and white paint.

I.: Really?

D.: Yes, and they paint sausages with washing-up liquid, then coffee, to make them look natural.

I.: So what's the strangest job in your book, do you think?

D.: Well, how about a vermiculturalist?

I.: What's that?

D.: A vermiculturalist is a worm farmer. These people manage farms that only have worms. No other animals, only worms.

I.: But why?