



Special Report

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WHEN I GROW UP...

DO you know what you want to do when you finish your education? There's no rush to decide, but it's always helpful to know what sort of jobs are out there. From journalists and doctors to zoologists and rollercoaster testers, there's a whole world of exciting careers for you to explore. Here we find out a little more for National Careers Week.



What is National Careers Week?

National Careers Week runs from 3–8 March. It aims to help young people think about their future careers and get

excited about what's to come. This week is your chance to think about:

- your skills and interests.
- the different options open to you – would you like to go to college or university? Or would you rather do an apprenticeship or go straight into work?
- all the different jobs and careers that are available.

What's your dream job? Meet three people who turned their childhood dreams into successful careers...

Tim Peake, ESA astronaut

Tim always had a passion for adventure and flying, joining both the Cub Scouts and school Cadet Force as a young boy. At the age of 13, his dream of becoming a pilot became a reality when he took control of an aircraft for the first time! He later went on to serve in the Army for 18 years before leaving to work as a senior test pilot for AgustaWestland (now Leonardo Helicopters). Then, in May 2009, Tim's dreams reached new heights when he was selected as a European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut. In December 2015, Tim was launched into space, becoming the first British ESA astronaut ever to visit the International Space Station. His Principia mission lasted six months. Tim's achievements meant he was given the Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the Queen's 2016 Birthday Honours for services to space research and scientific education.



Nicky Cox MBE, Editor in Chief of First News

Nicky helps to write and edit the newspaper that you're reading now – in fact, the whole paper was her idea! She said: "I had worked at the BBC for 14 years as editorial director of children's publishing. Before that I had been a journalist at national and local newspapers. It had always been my dream to create a children's

newspaper. I believe that for the world to become a better place, the next generation must be better informed than the last. My advice to anyone wanting a job like mine is to read a lot. Write a lot. Know what is going on in the world. See if you can get work experience on your local newspaper. Or, perhaps, start your own blog. Concentrate hard in English lessons to develop a good style of writing. Pick subjects like English, journalism or politics for higher education. And look out for trainee positions or graduate schemes, such as the BBC's. Contact the NCTJ (National Council for the Training of Journalists) for advice."

Marc Abraham aka Marc the Vet, veterinary surgeon

Marc is a veterinary surgeon, which means he cares for animals when they're sick or in need. He told us: "Quite simply, I really like making animals better. From a very young age I only ever wanted to help animals, so I'm very proud to live my dream every day – at three years old I removed a maggot from a nasty wound on my pet tortoise's leg using a twig! I love operating too; there's no better feeling than watching an animal that arrived in your clinic ill, leaving feeling better and wagging its tail!"

THE LOWDOWN

What's work experience?

Work experience gives you the chance to see first-hand what it's like to work within different companies and organisations. You can learn from experts, have a go at a range of jobs and discover different working environments. For example, being a teacher in a school will be very different to being a keeper working in a zoo or a journalist working in an office. Lots of you will do work experience placements at secondary school.

What about apprenticeships?

An apprenticeship offers you the chance to work and study at the same time. You'll be paid to learn while on the job, but you'll also get dedicated time out to study towards a qualification. Lots of companies now offer apprenticeships for those over the age of 16.

And what's a CV?

A CV (curriculum vitae, which is Latin for 'the course of one's life') is a document that you give to employers to tell them what your skills and qualifications are and why you'll be good at the job. It's wise to join clubs and take up hobbies when you're young, so that you can add them to your CV and show what kind of person you are.

Special Report: 'When I grow up...'

Part A: Find and explain the facts

- A1) When is National Careers Week and what is the purpose of it?
- A2) What is work experience?
- A3) What is an apprenticeship?
- A4) What is a CV?
- A5) Who are the following people?

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Nicky Cox	
Marc Abraham	

Part B: Deduce and infer information

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- B2) Tim Peake served in the Army for 18 years and then worked as a senior test pilot for AgustaWestland (Now Leonardo Helicopters), before finally becoming a European Space Agency astronaut in 2009. What can readers learn from Peake's career path?
- B3) Why is it significant that Tim Peake was given the Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the Queen's 2016 Birthday Honours?
- B4) What do you think Nicky Cox meant when she said that it was always her dream to create a children's newspaper because she believes that "for the world to become a better place, the next generation must be better informed than the last"?
- B5) Marc Abraham says that he gets to "live [his] dream every day". Why is being a veterinary surgeon Abraham's dream job?

Part C: Analyse the writing and presentation

- C1) What is the effect of the rhetorical question in the lead paragraph?
- C2) Why are Tim Peake, Nicky Cox and Marc Abraham pictured alongside the information about their careers?
- C3) Think of an alternative headline for this report and explain how you've tried to hook readers.



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Teacher Answers

AIM OF THE NEWS COMPREHENSIONS: News reports are unique non-fiction texts. Being real, they naturally engage students, and with the range of topics that are covered, help to develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of the wider world outside the classroom. The reports are ideal for short, focused comprehension or discussion activities. Along with the opportunity to find fascinating facts and appreciate the opinions of those involved, there is plenty to be inferred and deduced to understand in more depth what is being reported. Like authors, journalists play with language, so news 'stories' are rich nuggets of text to investigate and provide the opportunity for literacy programmes.

TEACHER ANSWER GUIDE: The teacher answers are intended to provide a guide to the reading skill each question is practising. Suggestions are given for a starting point for responses that students would be expected to give at the start of KS3. Further suggestions then give fuller, more developed responses that students will work towards by the end of KS3, in preparation for the non-fiction elements of GCSE English language.

Part A

A1. When is National Careers Week and what is the purpose of it?

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point

National Careers Week runs from 3–8 March, and it aims to help young people think about their future careers.

Development

It is a time for young people to consider the different options available to them based on their skills and interests.

A2. What is work experience?

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point

Work experience is when you get to try a job for yourself. Many secondary schools allocate time for students to do work experience placements.

Development

During work experience you get the chance to see first-hand what it's like to work within different companies and organisations. You can learn from experts, have a go at a range of jobs and discover different working environments.

A3. What is an apprenticeship?

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point

An apprenticeship enables you to work and study at the same time. Lots of companies now offer apprenticeships for those over the age of 16.

Development

You get paid for working, but you also get dedicated time to study towards a qualification.

A4. What is a CV?

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point

A CV is a curriculum vitae. It documents your qualifications and skills.

Development

It tells potential employers why you would be good at the job.

A5. Who are the following people?

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point – some information correctly identified

Developed response – information correctly and clearly identified

Tim Peake	An ESA astronaut, well-known because he was the first British ESA astronaut to visit the International Space Station.
Nicky Cox	Nicky Cox MBE is Editor in Chief of <i>First News</i> . She had the idea for this children's newspaper and helps to write and edit it.
Marc Abraham	He is a veterinary surgeon, well-known as "Marc the Vet".

Part B**B1. Why do you think that Tim Peake, Nicky Cox and Marc Abraham all feature in this report?**

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer**Starting point**

Tim Peake, Nicky Cox and Marc Abraham all feature in this report because they have successful careers that they really enjoy.

Development

Their stories are inspiring and are intended to make young people feel excited about their own future careers.

B2. Tim Peake served in the Army for 18 years and then worked as a senior test pilot for AgustaWestland (now Leonardo Helicopters), before finally becoming a European Space Agency astronaut in 2009. What can readers learn from Peake's career path?

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer**Starting point**

Peake worked for many years and enjoyed his career as a pilot before his, "dreams reached new heights" and he was selected as an ESA astronaut. This shows that if you work hard and persevere then you can achieve incredible things.

Development

It also shows that you can do different things throughout your career, so you should avoid complacency and always strive to challenge yourself.

B3. Why is it significant that Tim Peake was given the Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the Queen's 2016 Birthday Honours?

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer**Starting point**

It is significant that Tim Peake was given the Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the Queen's 2016 Birthday Honours because it shows the value placed on the work he has done for space research and scientific education.

Development

He was the first British ESA astronaut to visit the International Space Station and his Principia mission lasted six months. During that time, he worked with schools and made space and science accessible to many. Therefore, it is fitting that his achievements were recognised and rewarded.

B4. What do you think Nicky Cox meant when she said that it was always her dream to create a children's newspaper because she believes that "for the world to become a better place, the next generation must be better informed than the last"?

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer**Starting point**

It is likely that Nicky Cox was suggesting that young people need to have an accessible and reliable source of news to encourage them to take an interest in current affairs and global issues.

Development

The reference to the world becoming a "better place" links to how the next generation can only tackle the issues that they face and correct the mistakes made by previous generations, if they have grown up with an understanding of the world that they live in.

B5. Marc Abraham says that he gets to "live [his] dream every day". Why is being a veterinary surgeon Abraham's dream job?

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer**Starting point**

Being a veterinary surgeon is Marc Abraham's dream job because "he only ever wanted to help animals".

Development

He was only three when he removed a maggot from his pet tortoise's leg! Indeed, he still likes operating, because he thinks that there is "no better feeling" than seeing an ill animal feeling better after having been treated in his clinic.

Part C**C1. What is the effect of the rhetorical question in the lead paragraph?**

READING SKILL — Explain methods used by the writer with appropriate use of terminology

Possible answer**Starting point**

The rhetorical question makes National Careers Week relevant, because it implies that it is never too early to start thinking about your future.

Development

The rhetorical question directly addresses the reader and makes them consider the key issue. This makes the reader more likely to want to take an interest in the information in the report.

C2. Why are Tim Peake, Nicky Cox and Marc Abraham pictured alongside the information about their careers?

READING SKILL — Identify benefits of text organisation and presentation

Possible answer**Starting point**

Tim Peake is pictured in his spacesuit, Nicky Cox is pictured holding a copy of *First News* and Marc Abraham is pictured in his vet's scrubs and with a dog. Therefore, the pictures support the information in their stories about their careers and make it more memorable.

Development

Seeing the faces with the names also makes the information easier to relate to because it highlights that these are real people with real stories of career success.

C3. Think of an alternative headline for this report and explain how you've tried to hook readers.

READING SKILL — Explain methods used by the writer with appropriate use of terminology

Possible answer**Starting point**

An alternative headline for this report could be "Captivating careers!"

Development

The use of alliteration makes the headline memorable. It also highlights the adjective "captivating", which means something highly interesting and worthy of focus. This implies that choosing a career can be exciting. The exclamation heightens this sense of excitement.