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## **FIND YOUR PURPOSE**

When making our educational choices, one of the first thoughts to strike our mind would be how much income we will be making per year. Money is a commodity every one strives for. It can make life much easier for us and much more pleasurable. We can buy that car we always wanted, go on a trip without breaking a sweat and go to a good restaurant every Sunday with ease. Youngsters are sometimes brainwashed by their own parents to pursue certain occupations because of that job's income, disregarding their own children wishes just so they can boast to their group of friends how successful their child is.

A famous saying that influences most people's educational choices mentions the fact that people should do what makes them happy and they would not work a day in their lives. But is it really valid? What makes you happy now will not necessarily make you happy in 5 or 10 or 20 years. Making life decisions on short term things is not long lasting, once that happiness wears off (and it's highly likely that it will), this short term fulfilment will only lead to emptiness.

During work, variables changes and therefore so does happiness. For example, if you like going for a run, you wouldn't enjoy going for a run when having fever or during a heat wave. The activity is the same, but the different circumstances change your perceptions about that activity. Also, it's unfair to compare doing something for money or simply for pleasure. Once finances are introduced in this educational choice that brings happiness, things change.

People should have the freedom of choosing to pursue what is in their self interest and should get the support of their surrounding people, even if that job is not really what they hoped for.

When making such choices, people should focus on what brings out their best qualities and use them to their advantage. The point is not to find a job that doesn't make you happy, but a job that compliments you well. Everyone should enjoy putting their unique qualities to good use and therefore happiness must follow. "There is an inner happiness we get from finding purpose in life and aligning passion with compassion. These are great. Run towards that happiness".

## **HOW TO SURVIVE THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

### 1. How and when to start

When you are almost graduated it is time to look for your first job. You should start 3 months before the date you want to start working, because the process takes some time. The first step is to prepare your CV, like we discussed in the previous article, and to update your LinkedIn profile according the CV. The next step is searching for vacancies.

### 2. Search

The first thing to do in your search is to get to know the market. This means you need to start reading a lot of vacancies, even those where you think you do not fit 100%, because sometimes the title is not what you expected the requirements will be like.

Secondly, you should choose only 3 to 5 vacancies that really interest you. This way you remember to which companies you applied when they call you. You apply by sending an email with around 10 to 15 sentences of motivation and your CV.

An extra tip is to use the same picture for your CV, LinkedIn and Facebook profile.

You should keep in mind that searching for a job is a full time job!

### 3. They will call you

Once you sent your application, be prepared for a call. Probably they will ask why you are interested, ask some questions about the requirements and they will try to get to know if you fit or not. So know what you want to say and be prepared!

If the call is at an inconvenient moment, offer to call back. Its better than to look unprofessional, trust me!

You can expect a question about wages: what you earn now or want to earn. Be open about it, it is a normal question.

### 4. Interview

Be on time and look relaxed 😊

They will start with your CV, so be prepared to give extra explanation and be clear. Also prepare the typical questions like 3 good and bad things about you. At last think about where the vacancy matches your CV and skills. If there is a match between your skills and the requirements, also tell why, so give an example where you used this skill in the past.

At the end, prepare some questions for the interviewer. 3 good questions are for example what does a typical day looks like, will I work in a team or alone and what is the atmosphere like.

## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE JOBS

In arts it is hard to find a good job. For an instrumentist a good job is to play in a famous orchestra or to be a soloist.

Not everyone can be an artist. You must have some skills. In music the important skills are “music ear” to reproduce what you hear and to control your emotions. Also you must be very ambitious and sensible person.

Is not too hard to find any job, you have to be very good and passionate about what you like.

I start to do my CV. I put some videos with me and some certificates from my contests and from my master classes.

I want to be ready for the future. A hardworking is always appreciated.

To trust in your self is very important! Don't be shy like me! If you trust in yourself everyone will appreciate.

**BE READY FOR THE FUTURE!!!**

I'm sure everyone can find a good job if she or he believe in yourself and what she or he can do.



## WHAT (NOT) TO WRITE ON YOUR CV?

Have you ever applied for a job that you are perfectly qualified for and not get an answer? Even if you have the right skills for the position, the mistakes you make on your CV can ruin everything you have achieved so far. In order to help you maximize the chances to impress the recruitment team of any company, we prepared a list of the most common mistakes people make on their CVs and advices how to avoid them.

- 1. Poor spelling and grammar** – Please, check twice what you have written in your CV and correct your mistakes on time.
- 2. Writing a lot, but saying little** – Employers do not want to know everything about you. They are interested in your experience, talents and skills which make you the most relevant candidate for their company and for the current position.
- 3. You did not adapt your CV** – Every job position is different and your CV needs to be rearranged according to it.
- 4. Duties instead of achievements** – Do not copy the responsibilities from your job description. Instead, it is better to write what you have achieved so far in your previous posts.
- 5. The 2-page rule is not respected** – 2 pages are absolutely enough to impress your future employer. Remember that companies receive hundreds of CVs and they do not have enough time to read them all carefully.
- 6. You did not include important information** – Yes, you have to keep it short, but try not to miss useful information about yourself and your past experience that may help you impress the company.
- 7. Using clichés** – Just avoid popular phrases and cheesy words.
- 8. Poor design** – If the content of your CV is excellent, but the layout is disorganised, your chances to be contacted decrease immediately. Still, bear in mind that the design is of a secondary importance compared to the content.
- 9. Incorrect personal details** – You changed your email address or phone number? Please, put the new ones on your CV.
- 10. Not appropriate photo** – The CV photo should be a professional one. Do not use photos from the party last night or the holiday this summer. Be serious about that.

Words NOT to include on a CV		Words to include on a CV	
Excellent communication skills Goal driven Flexible Motivated Self-motivated	Multi-tasker Detail oriented Independent Highly qualified Team player	Accurate Hard-working Reliable Pro-active Innovative	Friendly Smart Confident Adaptable Responsible

## QUIZ TIME!

Working in another country sometimes has some do's and don'ts. Do some researches before you decide to move abroad, we help you by starting this quiz!

1. **The ok hand signal:** in which country is a rude gesture?

- a. Brazil
- b. France
- c. Japan



2. **The chin flick** it means get lost in which countries?

- a. Brazil, USA, Italy, Bulgaria
- b. Cyprus, Egypt, Italy, Turkey
- c. Belgium, France, Italy, Tunisia



3. **The moutza** is by showing your hand towards another person with your palm facing them

- a. Greece, Mexico, Middle East, Africa
- b. Greece, France, Italy, Romania
- c. Greece, Cyprus, Jordan, Israel



4. How to say **NO** in Bulgaria

- a. Shake your head
- b. Nod your head
- c. Thumb up

5. What is the best way of paying in Greece?

- a. Cash
- b. Credit card
- c. Cheques

6. Which is the major economic sector you could find a good job in Greece?

- a. Fishing industry
- b. Tourism
- c. Shipping industry

7. If you move abroad it's important to take in count that... which answer is not correct

- a. Think about how you will move your belongings, so start looking for!
- b. You only need a few days to prepare your move
- c. Visit your destination for a house and to know which areas are best to live in

8. Which act is not important to guarantee a good integration

- a. Talk to people to understand the culture
- b. Family support for the family
- c. Amount of money you earn

**Answers of quiz:**

1. A
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. C

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