

# The Most Extraordinary Jobs

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## 1. Pet Food Tester

Yes, it's a thing, and yes it's totally **gross**.

But as the owner of pet food company Huds and Toke, Mark Gooley, says, "If you wouldn't put it in your mouth, don't you **dare** expect your dog to eat it."

Mr Gooley eats dog food **for a living**. He eats everything from doggie treats and **chewy** bones to **liver** mixture.



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## 2. Gumologist

A lot of hard work goes into creating the perfect piece of **chewy**.

Just ask Jesse Kiefer, who works as a Gumologist for Cadbury Schweppes.

Kiefer has to get the **flavour** just right, which isn't easy with some combos like strawberry and lime - which he says don't **complement** each other that well.



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## 3. Waterslide Tester

Monday morning definitely seems a lot more **enticing** if you get to spend your working week slipping down water **slides**. Especially come summer.

And water slides are usually placed in massive theme parks. Imagine getting to spend your lunch break on a **rollercoaster**, and eating a hot dog for lunch.

Working holiday, am I right?



#### 4. Teddy Bear Repair Technician

Kids get really emotional about their toys. Remember when your favourite toy lost an arm, or **suffered** a similar **life-threatening injury**? It was **devastating**.

But now there's a special technician who can come **to the rescue**.

The Build-A-Bear Workshops have a Teddy Bear Repair Technician who is **hired** to repair those much-loved teddy bears and get them back to their **cuddly, intact**, lovable selves.



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#### 5. Snake Milker

Snake **venom** is powerful stuff. It can be turned into drugs to treat all kinds of conditions, including a **poisonous** snake bite.

But some brave soul needs to collect that venom by hand. They gently expose the snake's **fang** and squeeze out the deadly juices.



"The only difference between me and any other company in the world that produces something is that the means of production here can kill you...and wants to," Alabama snake milker Ken Darnell says.

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#### 6. Laughter therapist

They say it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile. If that's true then a career as a laughter therapist should be an easy ride. In this job a laughter therapist must do their best to make people laugh their way to a better life. Perfect for any **budding** clowns out there!



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#### 7. Paint Watcher

You may have heard some people say they'd "**rather watch paint dry**" than do something they don't want to do. Well, if they really mean it the opportunity is there – studying the drying time and effects of paint as a full-time job for a paint manufacturer.



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#### 8. Dice inspector

In the **gambling** world, millions can be lost at the roll of a **faulty** dice. With that in mind, the job of a dice inspector is an important one, making sure each die is in proportion, with all the right **angles** and **blemish** free.



After you read....

- 1. Write one fact about each job you read. ( 8 facts)**
- 2. Which job would you like to have?**
- 3. Which job would be your least favorite?**
- 4. Make up a new job and describe it. Write at least 3 sentences.**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Which job did you find the most extraordinary/usual/exciting/boring/useful?
2. What other extraordinary jobs have you heard of?
3. What kind of person would do things like that for a living?

4. What qualities are required for each of these jobs?
5. Which of these jobs would you be able to do? Why?
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