

Primary Longman Express

2nd Edition



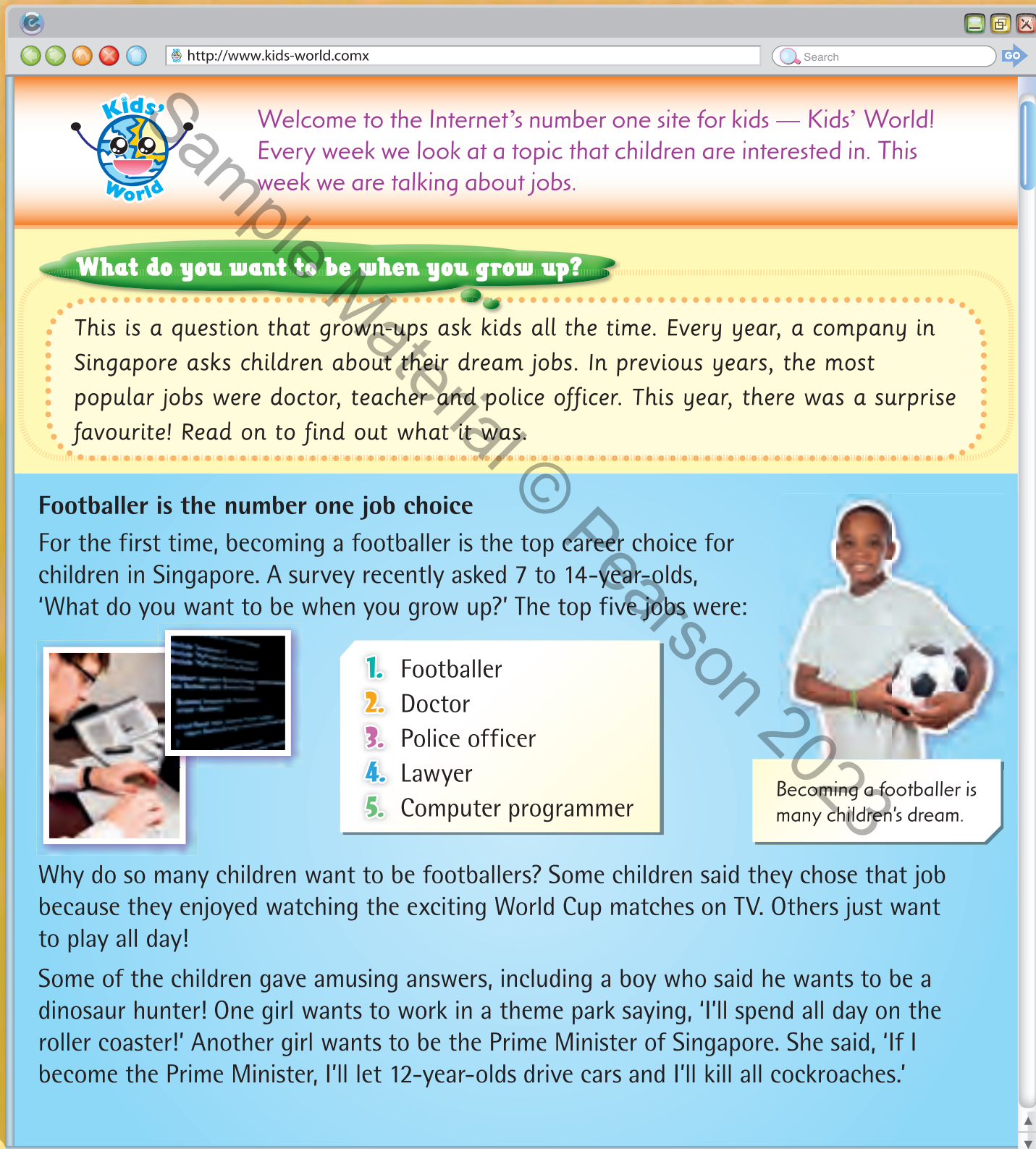
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Reading

Look at the website. What are the children's dream jobs?



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.kids-world.com>. The website has a header with the 'Kids' World' logo and a welcome message. A green banner asks 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'. Below this, a paragraph discusses a survey in Singapore. A list of the top five dream jobs is shown in a yellow box, with a corresponding image of a boy holding a soccer ball. A text box explains why many children want to be footballers. The bottom paragraph mentions amusing answers from other children.

Welcome to the Internet's number one site for kids — Kids' World! Every week we look at a topic that children are interested in. This week we are talking about jobs.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

This is a question that grown-ups ask kids all the time. Every year, a company in Singapore asks children about their dream jobs. In previous years, the most popular jobs were doctor, teacher and police officer. This year, there was a surprise favourite! Read on to find out what it was.

Footballer is the number one job choice

For the first time, becoming a footballer is the top career choice for children in Singapore. A survey recently asked 7 to 14-year-olds, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' The top five jobs were:

1. Footballer
2. Doctor
3. Police officer
4. Lawyer
5. Computer programmer

Becoming a footballer is many children's dream.

Why do so many children want to be footballers? Some children said they chose that job because they enjoyed watching the exciting World Cup matches on TV. Others just want to play all day!

Some of the children gave amusing answers, including a boy who said he wants to be a dinosaur hunter! One girl wants to work in a theme park saying, 'I'll spend all day on the roller coaster!' Another girl wants to be the Prime Minister of Singapore. She said, 'If I become the Prime Minister, I'll let 12-year-olds drive cars and I'll kill all cockroaches.'



3 Comments



Kay, USA

08/09/20XX 4:03 PM

LOL! ☺ This is funny! When I grow up, I want to be a doctor in a poor country. I won't make much money but I will be happy because I like helping poor people.



Bruce, Australia

08/09/20XX 3:40 PM

Lots of my classmates want to be famous when they grow up. Not me! I love animals so I want to be a vet. If I become a vet, I will give medicine to fierce animals, like lions and tigers. It will be dangerous but I won't be afraid. BFN!



Chris, China

06/09/20XX 2:17 PM

Interesting article! My friends and I wrote some poems:

I want to be a pilot when I'm twenty-three.
I'll fly high over land and sea.
If I become a pilot, life will be a holiday.
I'll visit different countries every day.

By Chris

I want to be a clown when I'm big.
I'll wear long shoes and a funny wig.
If I become a clown, I'll joke and fool about.
I'll make all the children laugh and shout.

By Rob

I want to be a swimmer when I leave school.
I'll train all day at the swimming pool.
If I work really hard, I'll be the best swimmer.
I'll go to the Olympics and be a winner.

By Liz

I want to be an astronaut when I'm twenty-eight.
I'll travel to the moon. It will be great.
If I'm an astronaut, I'll collect space rocks.
I'll find out whether aliens wear socks!

By Sally



Whose dream job do you think is the most interesting? Why?

Post-reading

David is posting a comment on the website. Finish his comment using words from the website on p.3. Write one word only in each blank.

I want to be a singer when I grow up. I know it is a very popular dream job — many of my classmates want to do the same thing! If I become a singer, my life will be exciting and 1 _____. Many people will know me. I will be 2 _____ all around the world! I will 3 _____ a lot of money too so I will be rich. I will donate money to charities.

Read p.2 again. Are these sentences about the survey true (T) or false (F)? Then correct the false sentences.

- 4 The interviewers talked to children in Hong Kong.
- 5 Seven 14-year-olds were interviewed.
- 6 In previous surveys, footballer was the top job.
- 7 The survey is done every two years.
- 8 Police officer has been a popular job for a number of years.

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Read p.3 again. Answer the questions.

- 9 Why does Kay want to be a doctor in a poor country when she grows up?
- 10 Why does Bruce think his future job will be dangerous?

Explore

Using short forms on the Internet

LOL = laughing out loud
BFN = bye for now
BRB = be right back
NP = no problem
OIC = oh I see
BTW = by the way

Key Words

1

Jobs

1	an architect	• designs buildings	
2	an astronaut	• explores space	
3	a businessman / businesswoman	• works in business	
4	a computer programmer	• designs computer programs	
5	an engineer	• designs or builds roads, machines, etc.	
6	a fashion designer	• designs clothes	
7	a fireman / firewoman (fire fighters)	• puts out fires • rescues people in danger	
8	a flight attendant	• serves food and drinks on a plane • takes care of passengers	
9	a lawyer	• advises people about laws and speaks for them in court	
10	a model	• appears in fashion shows, magazines, etc. • wears fashionable clothes	
11	a pilot	• flies planes	
12	a policeman / policewoman (police officers)	• fights crime • investigates cases • protects people and their property	
13	a reporter	• does interviews • writes news reports or reports news	
14	a social worker	• helps people in need / with problems	
15	a tour guide	• shows tourists around	

Key Structures

What do you want to be	when	you grow up?	I want to be	a social worker. a policewoman.
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If I become	an athlete, a fashion designer,	I	'll win a lot of medals. 'll design beautiful clothes.
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Conditional clause

This is the condition =
This has to happen first
(Use the present tense form with **if**)

Main clause

This is the result =
Then this will happen
(Use the future tense form)

We can use
conditional sentences to
talk about the
future.

Practice 1

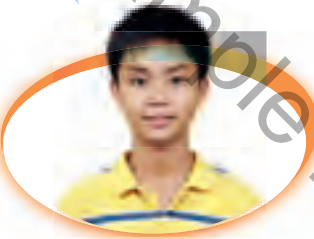
What do you **want to be** when you grow up?

I **want to be** ...

A Class 6A are talking about their dream jobs. Finish what they say.

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I like giving advice. I want to help people solve their problems. I **want to be** a social worker when I grow up.



2

I like reading detective stories. I want to catch criminals. I like wearing a uniform. I **want to be** ... when I grow up.



3

I like travelling. I want to show people interesting cities around the world. I **want to be** ...



4

I want to have my own toy company. I **want to be** a leader. I ...



5

I'm good at drawing. I'm interested in machines. I ...



6

I like interviewing people. I'm good at writing. I ...



Now ask and answer questions about your dream job with your classmate.



B

Now the children are playing a guessing game about their dream jobs. Listen to their riddles and guess their dream jobs. Write the correct letters.

A. architect

B. astronaut

C. doctor

D. fashion designer

E. pilot

F. reporter

G. tour guide

H. vet

1 John _____

2 Tina _____

3 Ben _____

4 Cindy _____

Word stress

pilot policeman businessman

Let's say the words!



A Listen and say. Count the syllables in each word.

	No. of syllable(s)		No. of syllable(s)
e.g. worker	2	3 policeman	_____
1 businessman	_____	4 model	_____
2 lawyer	_____	5 guide	_____



Do you remember that we can break a word into syllables and each syllable is a '**beat**'?



B Listen to the words. Say them and clap when you see a '

Leaflets give us information. This leaflet is about the services of an organisation.

Name of organisation

Slogan to attract readers

Information about the organisation

Services provided

Participants' comments

Contact information

Tip Top Centre

Preparing children for their dream jobs!

Tip Top Centre is a not-for-profit organisation.

- ✓ We organise workshops in schools all over Hong Kong.
- ✓ Presenters from a range of professions will share their experience and the secrets of their success!

Workshop highlights