

The Best Job in the World

Step 1: Read the “Best Job in the World” advertisement below and answer the questions at the bottom of the page:

Tourism Queensland is seeking applicants for the best job in the world! The role of Island Caretaker is a six-month contract, based on luxurious Hamilton Island in the Great Barrier Reef. It’s a live-in position with flexible working hours and key responsibilities include:

- exploring the islands of the Great Barrier Reef to discover what the area has to offer.
- You’ll be required to report back on your adventures to Tourism Queensland headquarters in Brisbane (and the rest of the world) via weekly blogs, photo diary, video updates and ongoing media interviews. On offer is a unique opportunity to help promote the wondrous Islands of the Great Barrier Reef.

Other duties may include (but are not limited to):

- Feeding the fish - There are over 1,500 species of fish living in the Great Barrier Reef. Don’t worry – you won’t need to feed them all.
- Cleaning the pool - The pool has an automatic filter, but if you happen to see a stray leaf floating on the surface it’s a great excuse to dive in and enjoy a few laps.
- Collecting the mail – During your explorations, why not join the aerial postal service for a day? It’s a great opportunity to get a bird’s eye view of the reef and island

Living above the Great Barrier Reef is a pretty unique benefit, but the successful candidate will also be paid a salary package of AUD \$150,000 for the six-month contract. You’ll receive return airfares from your nearest capital city (in your home country), accommodation and transport on Hamilton Island, travel insurance for the contract period, computer, internet, digital video and stills cameras access, plus travel to a number of the other Islands of the Great Barrier Reef. The six-month contract commences 1st July 2009.

A broad range of experience will be considered, but the successful applicant should possess:

- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Good written and verbal English skills
- An adventurous attitude
- Willingness to try new things
- A passion for the outdoors
- Good swimming skills and enthusiasm for snorkelling and/or diving
- Ability to engage with others
- At least one year’s relevant experience

Questions:

1. What is the job title?
2. Where is the job located?
3. Who do will you be working for?
4. What are your responsibilities?
5. How many species of fish are there?
6. What does aerial postal service mean?
7. How much will you get paid?
8. How long is the job for?
9. When does the job start?
10. Look at the list of experience needed and prioritize in order from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important).

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Step 2: What kind of personality or character traits, skills and abilities, education and qualifications or experience do you think a person would need to best ‘take care of the island and it’s inhabitants’. Write down these things under the ‘**characteristics**’ column in the table below:

Step 3: Listen to the candidates who are applying for this job. As you are listening, write down as many notes as you can about their personality/character traits, skills and abilities, education and qualifications and experience. What are some other positive or negative points about each person.

Characteristics	Anjaan (India)	Clare (Taiwan)	Ben (U.K.)	Hailey (Australia)	Juweon (Korea)
1. Personality & Character * *					
2. Skills & Abilities * *					
3. Education & Qualifications * *					
4. Experience * *					
Positive Points					
Negative Points					
Score out of 5					