



CHOICE OF A PROFESSION

(A DIALOGUE)

After completing this lesson, students will be able to:

- analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact
- provide an objective summary of a range of texts including fiction, non-fiction, dialogues and other types of text .add new words in glossary
- speak confidently and fluently in a wide range of contexts, For example, (conflict resolution, panel discussion, role-play, dialogue, etc.) to fulfil different purposes (exposition, argumentation etc.)
- demonstrate knowledge and application of parts of speech in oral and written communication in varying degrees of complexity
- comprehend and use contemporary Idioms and proverbs in the different texts and in their speech
- apply the techniques of writing the first draft with sufficient details; proofreading and editing details to suit the purpose and audience
- write a descriptive composition (giving physical description and characteristics/traits of a person/object/place moving from general to specific), using correct punctuation and spelling, by using the process approach - brainstorming, mind mapping, and writing a first draft. have awareness about the selection of profession
- Increase their punctuation skills by writing a resume and a cover letter
- understand some more phrasal verbs and their use in sentences
- hone their writing skills by writing dialogue coherently

Pre-Reading

- Think about what you will be when you grow up
- Name any three profession of your choice

Reading

(Ahmed and Ali are two best friends and class fellows. Since their studies will come to an end soon they are discussing their future plans for career selection. Let's see what they are talking about)

Ahmed: Assalam -o-Alykum Ali, how are you?

Ali: Wa Alykum salam I am good. What about you?

Ahmed: I am also bearing well , I was just thinking about which profession to choose for a bright future.

Ali: Well! Not a big deal. I have searched it on internet. There are many sites which are providing information on career selection.

Ahmed: Can you share some with me?

Ali: Why not, sure. You should know what does a profession mean? A profession is different from a regular job, because a regular job is mainly a way to earn money. However, a profession is an occupation requiring long term commitment which offers financial security, and numerous opportunities to improve ourselves. Choosing a profession is an unavoidable decision for anyone who wants to pursue his or her tertiary education. Therefore, it is very important to consider several factors carefully while choosing a profession.

Ahmed: Please tell me about these factors. I don't have any idea.

Ali: First of all, we should consider mental satisfaction when we are choosing a profession. If we can get this satisfaction from a profession, we will stay motivated and enthusiastic throughout. However, if we are not satisfied with our profession, it will be difficult for us to remain productive. We should choose the profession according to our interests.

Ahmed: Then what comes next?

Ali: Secondly, we should consider talent when we are choosing a profession. If we have a natural talent in a field, we will find it more enjoyable and easier to do well in a profession that is related to our field of interest. However, we

need more than talent to attain excellence. We need to be hard working as well. To find out if we are truly talented in a field, we should give ourselves a complete and honest assessment.

Ahmed: I understand your point of view. Tell me more.

Ali: Thirdly, we should consider prospects when we are choosing a profession. Prospects refer to our chances of promotions and also increments in salary. It is pointless to remain in a profession that does not allow us to improve ourselves professionally because we have only one lifetime to use our potential and become the person that we wish to be. To find out more about the type of prospects that a profession might offer, we should do ample research and talk to those who are already employed in our field of interest.

Ahmed: Well you have a lot of information.

Ali: Let me continue. Fourthly, salary, location and the number of working hours per week. These must be prioritized when choosing a profession. These factors must be balanced with travel requirements and family life.

Ahmed: Oh! Are these points enough?

Ali: No, the last point is the skill and commitment, for you the skills set and how to gain those through education must be considered when choosing a new profession. For instance, becoming a doctor requires extensive education and training. In addition this professional field requires an 8-years long educational commitment

Ahmed: You really have given me lots of information. I will follow your advice Insha'Allah before choosing a profession. Thank you.

Ali: My pleasure, dear friend.



Post-reading

- What skills are needed to become a successful professional?



Glossary

Given below are the difficult words from the unit. Look at their meanings and give synonyms of each in the given column. The first one is done for you. Also use these words in your own sentences.

words	Meanings	Synonyms
security	safety	protection
numerous	many in number, several	
opportunities	chances	
tertiary	third in order or level,	
motivated	inspired, stimulated	
enthusiastic	eager, passionate	
potential	latent qualities, abilities	
extensive	huge	
commitment	dedication, devotion	
gain	achieve	



Reading and Critical Thinking

a) Answer the following

1. At what age students decide to choose a profession?
2. Elaborate on the factors which must be discussed before selecting a profession.
3. Explain what is meant by natural talent.
4. We should consider certain factors before choosing a profession. Discuss.
5. Skills and commitment play an important role in selection of a profession. How?
6. What is your choice of profession? Discuss it in detail while focusing on your motives in the selection of a career.

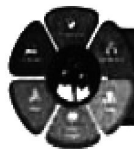
b) Choose the correct answer:

i. What was Ahmed thinking about?

- a) profession to choose
- c) friends' party

- b) hobby to have
- d) going out with friends

- ii. What is the first factor to consider while choosing a profession?
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| a) mental capability | b) mental thinking |
| c) mental satisfaction | d) mental caliber |
- iii. What is meant by prospects?
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| a) chances | b) salary |
| c) increases | d) pay cheque |



Oral Communication

Activity

1. Intonation pattern

Read aloud the following sentences to your partner laying stress on the syllables / words that are in capital letters.

- It was SO dark that we couldn't SEE our hands in front of our faces.
- Do you visit your sick grandparents REGULARLY every WEEK?
- I'm so sorry, but I just CAN'T go out with you NOW.

2. Exchange stories with your partner about a situation that caused you stress. Note the rise and fall of tone and pitch you speak how you felt, what was your physical condition, and what you did.



Vocabulary and Grammar

Participle: In the lesson choosing a profession the word 'choosing' has a combined characteristics of verb and adjective. Such words which are formed by adding 'ing' to the first form of the verb are called Participles. The word participle comes from classical Latin participium, from particeps 'sharing, participation', because it shares certain properties of verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. Present participles can be used as adjectives, as part of participial phrases, and to form continuous verb tenses. For example:-

Base Verb: Sneeze

Present Participle: Sneezing

Types of participle

1) **Present participle:** The present participle is often used when we want to express an active action. In English we add -ing to the infinitive of the verb.

Use of the present participle

Progressive/ Continuous tense	He is <u>reading</u> a book.
	He was <u>reading</u> a book.
Gerund	<u>Reading</u> books is fun.
	He likes <u>reading</u> books.
Participle	Look at the <u>reading</u> boy.
	He came <u>reading</u> around the corner.
	He sat <u>reading</u> in the corner.
	I saw him <u>reading</u> .

2 - Past participle. The form of a verb, typically ending in 'ed' in English, which is used in forming perfect and passive tenses and sometimes as an adjective, e. g. , looked in have you looked? Lost in lost property.

Use of the past participle

Perfect tenses	He has <u>forgotten</u> the pencil.
	He had <u>forgotten</u> the pencil.
Passive voice	A house is <u>built</u> .
	A house was <u>built</u> .
Participle	Look at the <u>washed</u> car.
	The car <u>washed</u> yesterday is blue.
	He had his car <u>washed</u> .

a- Complete the story with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

breathe burn follow move run watch

One evening I was walking home and I started to feel very nervous. I was walking down a very dark street and I could feel I wasn't alone. I could feel someone _____ me and I was sure I could hear their footsteps. I _____ fastly. I stopped and listened carefully. Yes! There it was. I could hear someone _____ loudly and smell their cigarette _____. I turned round quickly and saw something _____ out of

the corner of my eye. Then ... BANG! The last thing I remember is that I heard the sound of feet _____ away, and then I woke up and found myself lying in this hospital bed.

b- Complete the following sentences with an appropriate participle.

- His _____ coat needs mending. (tattered, tattering)
- A _____ stone gathers no moss. (rolling, rolled)
- A _____ opportunity never returns. (losing, lost)
- He kept me _____ (waiting, waited)
- She looked _____ (worried, worrying)
- Being _____ with work, I couldn't meet them. (occupied, occupying)

c-Punctuate the given lines.

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d-Give the antonyms of the following.

fine _____ regular _____ numerous _____
 several _____ satisfied _____ honest _____

e-Use the phrasal verbs in sentences.

pass out _____
 pass up _____
 pass away _____
 pass off _____
 pass on _____
 pay back _____
 pay down _____
 pay for _____
 pay into _____
 pay off _____



Writing

Verb Tense Consistency.

Verb tense consistency refers to keeping the same tense throughout a clause. If you have two or more time periods, start a new clause or a new sentence. Let's consider an example:-

Ali finished his essay, tidied his room, and went out for supper.

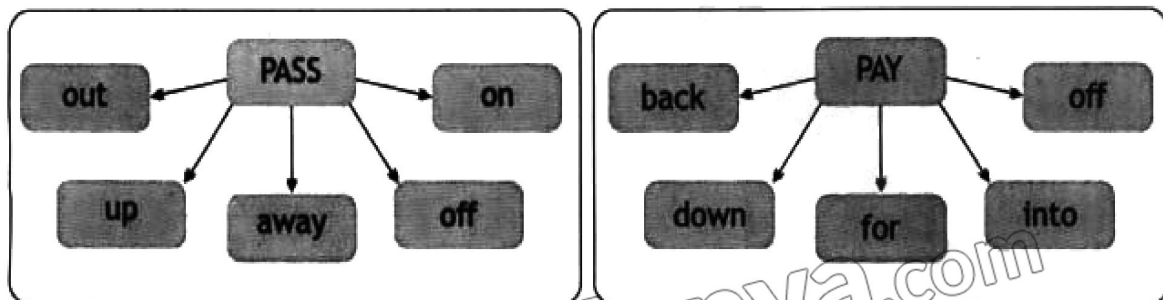
Finished and went are in past tense, but tidies is in present tense. Logistically, this can't happen. We could fix this in a couple of different ways:

Ali finished his essay, tidied his room, and went out for supper.

Ali finished his essay and went out for supper, and now he is tidying his room.

I'm eating the cake which I made this morning.

The verb tense consistency in this sentence is logical, as the cake must be made before it can be eaten. Still, we use two clauses to show the different tenses.



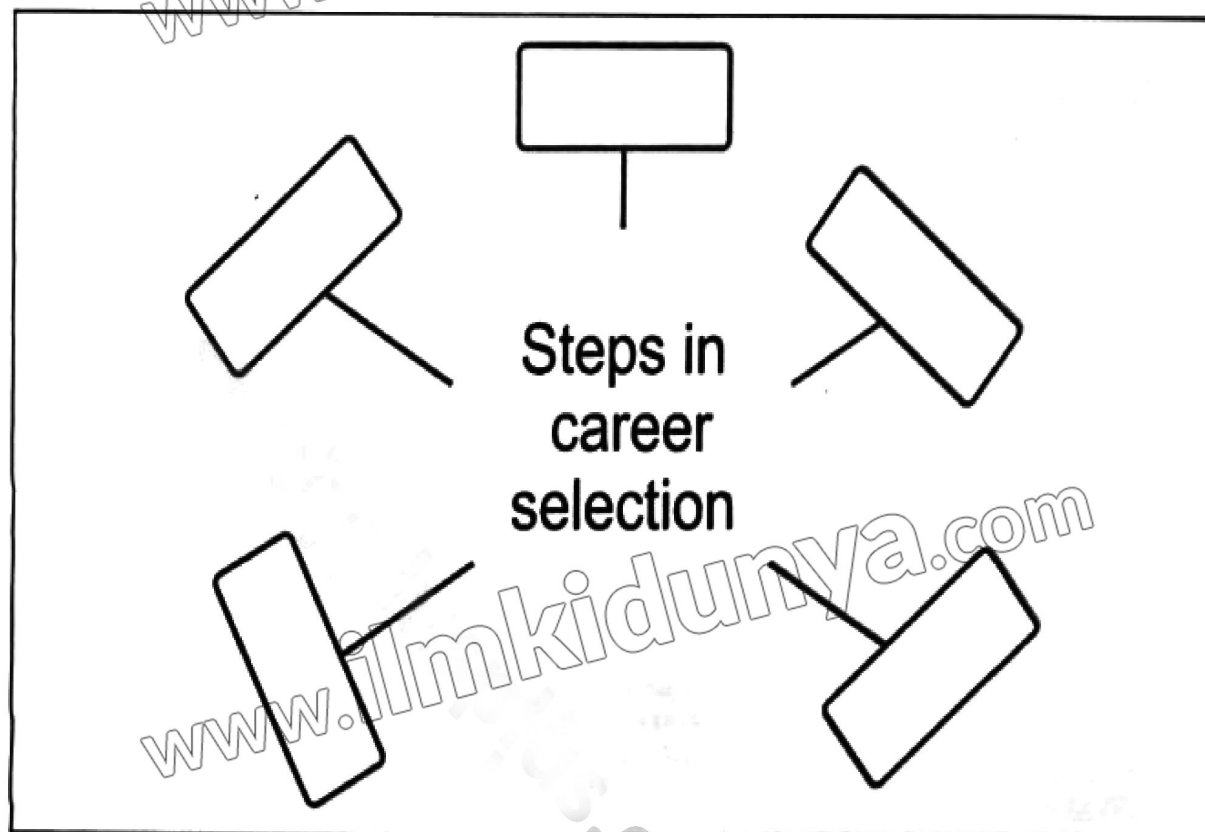
In the dialogue above consistent verb tenses are used which clearly establish the time of the actions being described. It is vital to use the same tense throughout a writing unless it is necessary to show an event that occurred at a different time. Do not shift tenses unnecessarily.

In the following passage from Alex Haley's *Roots*, some of the verbs have been rooted from rewords in bracket. Supply the appropriate tense for each missing verb, the plain form of which is given in brackets.

Words [have] been passed in the back country, and a griot of the Kinte clan [have], indeed, been found. His name, the letter said, [be] Kebba Kanga Fofana. I [return] to Gambia and [organize] a safari to locate him.

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b) Summarize the salient points of this unit in the form of mind map.



A resume is a formal document that all job applicants create to let their prospective employers know their educational background, qualification, expertise and how suitable they are for any job position. A resume is usually accompanied by a customized cover letter in which the applicant expresses an interest in a specific job or company and draws attention to the most relevant specifics on the resume.

YOUR NAME

135 Cherry St, Chicago, IL 60131 • (312) 994-7765 • your.name@gmail.com

OBJECTIVE

Driven high school student with a 3.8/4.0 GPA and excellent organizational and interpersonal skills. Seeking to apply my tutoring and mentorship skills to the Youth Development summer internship at [Company]. Possess proven communication skills and passion for advocacy that will support your organization's cause.

EDUCATION

West Ashley High School
Chicago, IL
Class of 2025

Relevant Coursework
Calculus
AP English

3.8 GPA, made Honor Roll Fall of 2022 &
Spring of 2023
National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Extracurriculars
Mu Alpha Theta: Math Honor Society
Poetry Club

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Virtual Math Tutor
EnCorps, Inc - Chicago, IL

Sep 2022 – Present

- Work with 3 students each semester to increase math comprehension through online study and tutoring sessions each lasting 2 hours
- Improved students' test scores by an average of 18% over the course of the semester
- Actively seek varied teaching methods to effectively cater to different learning styles, meeting each student where they are

Volunteer
The Academy Project - Chicago, IL

Jun 2021 – Aug 2022

- Volunteer twice weekly in reading remediation and mentoring programs, having worked with 15 foster children
- Assist children in reading and development of literacy skills, fostering a love of learning
- Provide support to children, serving as a source of stability in their daily lives

KEY SKILLS

- Mathematics
- Spanish and English
- Web and tech savvy, require little to no training
- Adaptability
- Self-motivation

Sample Resume (Name)

Your street address Your City,

OBJECTIVE

Seeking a position as a Sales Associate in Multinational Company.

EXPERIENCE

- Three years working experience in Gold Star Insurance Company, Blue Area, Islamabad. as CSR (July 2005 to July 2008).
- Five years working experience in Punjab Insurance Group as Assistant Area Manager (August 2008 to August 2013)

EDUCATION

- Masters in Business Administration (University of the Punjab, 2005.)
- Graduation in Business Administration (University of The Punjab, Lahore, 2003.)
- I. Com (Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad in 2001).
- Matriculation Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad in 1999

SKILLS

- Good telephonic and communication skill.
- Keyboard typing at 45 wpm and 10-key skill.
- Basic knowledge of Windows, Word, Excel, Power Point and Internet.
- Three years of working in a Spanish company.
- Dependable, hardworking and trustworthy.
- Responsible, punctual and task oriented.
- Work well as a team player and independently.
- Great leadership skills.

REFERENCES

References available upon request.

Cover Letter for Job Application

Cover letter / Job Application Letter Sample

123 Main Street,
New Town, Lahore.
12345 (+92 42 9234678)

Contact Name
Title
Company Name
Company street Address
City, Zip Code

Dear Mr. / Ms. Contact,

I have effectively completed my (educational background) and skills in the areas of (marketing and operations) to successfully (meet all balanced scorecard targets) and (generate sales in excess of 5 million). I have been asked to take on increasingly more responsibility at company xyz.

I am bringing to your attention my skills, accomplishments, and (talent for selling in a competitive market place). So that we can discuss joining xyz company as a (senior member of your district sales) team.

Significantly upgraded work force planning process of large company's call center operation resulting in a 15% increase in service level in just one year's time.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss how I can add value to your company's bottom-line results.

Sincerely,

Name. _____

- Now you have read the samples given above. Select an advertisement from a newspaper, paste it in your notebook. Then write your resume and a covering letter.
- Follow the instructions and demands given in the advertisement and develop a resume.

WE'RE HIRING

Account Manager

Qualifications:

- Male / Female
- Bachelor degree in business, marketing or communication
- Can work individual and team
- Has 1 year experience in according field

Send Your CV and Cover Letter To Email:



- Write a dialogue between father and son regarding the challenges faced in finding a suitable job in Pakistan.

Teacher's Point



- Discuss with students about the choice of a right profession and its benefits. it will be a counseling for their future.
- Ask them to perform role play of the dialogue.