



Task Title: What Makes Us Feel Good About Our Work?

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Learner Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Successful Completion: Yes No

Goal Path: Employment Apprenticeship

Secondary School Post Secondary Independence

Task Description: Watch a TedTalk video about what makes us feel good about our work.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Extract info from films, broadcasts and presentations/A3

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper
- Computer or digital device

Learner Information

TedTalks is a popular format where experts share information about interesting topics. TedTalks can be listened to as podcasts or watched on YouTube or the TedTalks website.

Copy and paste this address into the web browser of the computer. Watch the TedTalk by Dan Ariely, "What Makes Us Feel Good About Our Work?": https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_ariely_what_makes_us_feel_good_about_our_work?subtitle=en

Work Sheet

Task 1: List three ways work is like mountain climbing.

Answer:

Task 2: In two or three sentences, summarize the Lego Experiment and why it was important.

Answer:

Task 3: In two or three sentences, summarize the IKEA effect and how it improved the cake making experience.

Answer:

Task 4: Why are builders willing to pay more for a piece of origami than observers are willing to pay?

Answer:

Answers

Task 1: List three ways work is like mountain climbing.

Answer:

- We care about reaching the end, the peak
- We care about the fight, about the challenge
- There are all kinds of other things that motivate us (other than money) to work or behave

Task 2: In two or three sentences, summarize the Lego Experiment and why it was important.

Answer:

- One group of people were given the chance to build a Bionicle for money.
- Another group of people were given the chance to build a Bionicle for money. However, the Bionicle they built was taken apart right in front of them after it was built.
- The people in the first group made more Bionicles because they found it more meaningful. The second group got no joy from building and built less because the process held no meaning.

Task 3: In two or three sentences, summarize the IKEA effect and how it improved the cake making experience.

Answer: Makers removed the eggs and milk from the cake mix powder. Having to add the eggs and milk enhanced the experience for the baker.

Task 4: Why are builders willing to pay more for a piece of origami than observers are willing to pay?

Answer: The builders thought that their pieces of origami were beautiful (and worth more) because they put so much work into making them and recognized their value.

Performance Descriptors

Levels	Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Completes task with support from practitioner	Completes task independently
A3	extract info from films, broadcasts and presentations			

This task: Was successfully completed Needs to be tried again

Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):

Learner (print):
