

Job offers \$30 an hour for eating and testing candy

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The sweetest way to earn some extra cash is on offer for those with a sweet tooth. A candy company in Canada is searching for people to taste and review its original creations for the sweet sum of \$30 an hour. The company is called Candy Funhouse and it requires

"candyologists" to test and provide feedback on its candy and chocolate products. The company currently has a huge range of 3,000 products but is always creating new sweets. The candyologists will be responsible for deciding on 10 new candies that will be part of a new line of Candy Funhouse-branded sweets. Candy Funhouse hopes to establish a global reputation as a quality confectioner.

The successful applicants will need a number of basic requirements and qualifications. The company states on its website: "Candidates should have enthusiasm and eagerness to try confectionery products. We are looking for honest and objective opinions on the products that will be taste tested." They will have to write a brief, two-sentence description for each product tested. Budding candyologists must be "passionate about confectionery," not have any food allergies, be fluent in English and have basic writing skills. They must also be U.S. or Canadian citizens and be willing to work in Ontario. The candyologists will "taste samples objectively" and "consider aspects of taste, texture and quality".

Sources: radio.com / lifehacker.com / msn.com

Writing

The job of a candyologist is one of the best in the world. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

cash / sweet tooth / candy / creation / chocolate / branded / global / reputation / successful / applicant / qualifications / enthusiasm / honest / opinions / quality

True / False

- a) Only people with a sweet tooth can apply for this job. T / F
- b) The candy company is based in Switzerland. T / F
- c) The candy company wants to test 3,000 new products. T / F
- d) The company wants to have a global reputation. T / F
- e) The company's website said only highly qualified people need apply. T / F
- f) The website says applicants must be passionate about sweets. T / F
- g) The candyologists must write a two-sentence description of the candy. T / F
- h) The company will accept people of any nationality. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. earn | a. keenness |
| 2. searching | b. enormous |
| 3. sum | c. candidates |
| 4. huge | d. amount |
| 5. line | e. features |
| 6. applicants | f. looking |
| 7. enthusiasm | g. fundamental |
| 8. brief | h. be paid |
| 9. basic | i. short |
| 10. aspects | j. range |

Discussion – Student A

- a) Would you like a job as a candy tester?
- b) What are the good things about this job?
- c) How much do you like candy?
- d) What are your favourite candies?
- e) What do you think of the pay for this job?
- f) What are the best candies your country makes?
- g) Should candy carry a health warning?
- h) How healthy are the ingredients of candy?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The sweetest way to earn some | a. objective opinions |
| 2. for those with a sweet | b. of 3,000 products |
| 3. test and provide feedback | c. reputation |
| 4. a huge range | d. skills |
| 5. establish a global | e. allergies |
| 6. The successful | f. tooth |
| 7. We are looking for honest and | g. applicants |
| 8. write a brief, two-sentence | h. extra cash |
| 9. food | i. sentence description |
| 10. basic writing | j. on its candy |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What are the bad things about this job?
- How much of a sweet tooth do you have?
- What qualifications do you have for this job?
- What are you passionate about?
- What would you like a job testing?
- Do you know anyone with food allergies?
- What questions would you like to ask the candy company?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. c	7. a	8. i	9. g	10. e

Role Play

Role A – A Sweet Tooth

You think a sweet tooth is the most important requirement to be a candy taster. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their requirements. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): honesty, cooking ability or health consciousness.

Role B – Honesty

You think honesty is the most important requirement to be a candy taster. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their requirements. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a sweet tooth, cooking ability or health consciousness.

Role C – Cooking Skills

You think cooking ability is the most important requirement to be a candy taster. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their requirements. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): honesty, a sweet tooth or health consciousness.

Role D – Health Consciousness

You think health consciousness is the most important requirement to be a candy taster. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their requirements. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): honesty, cooking ability or a sweet tooth.

Speaking – Sweet Taster

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • A sweet tooth | • Cooking skills |
| • Honesty | • Creativity |
| • Passion | • Health consciousness |
| • Writing skills | • A sense of smell |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.