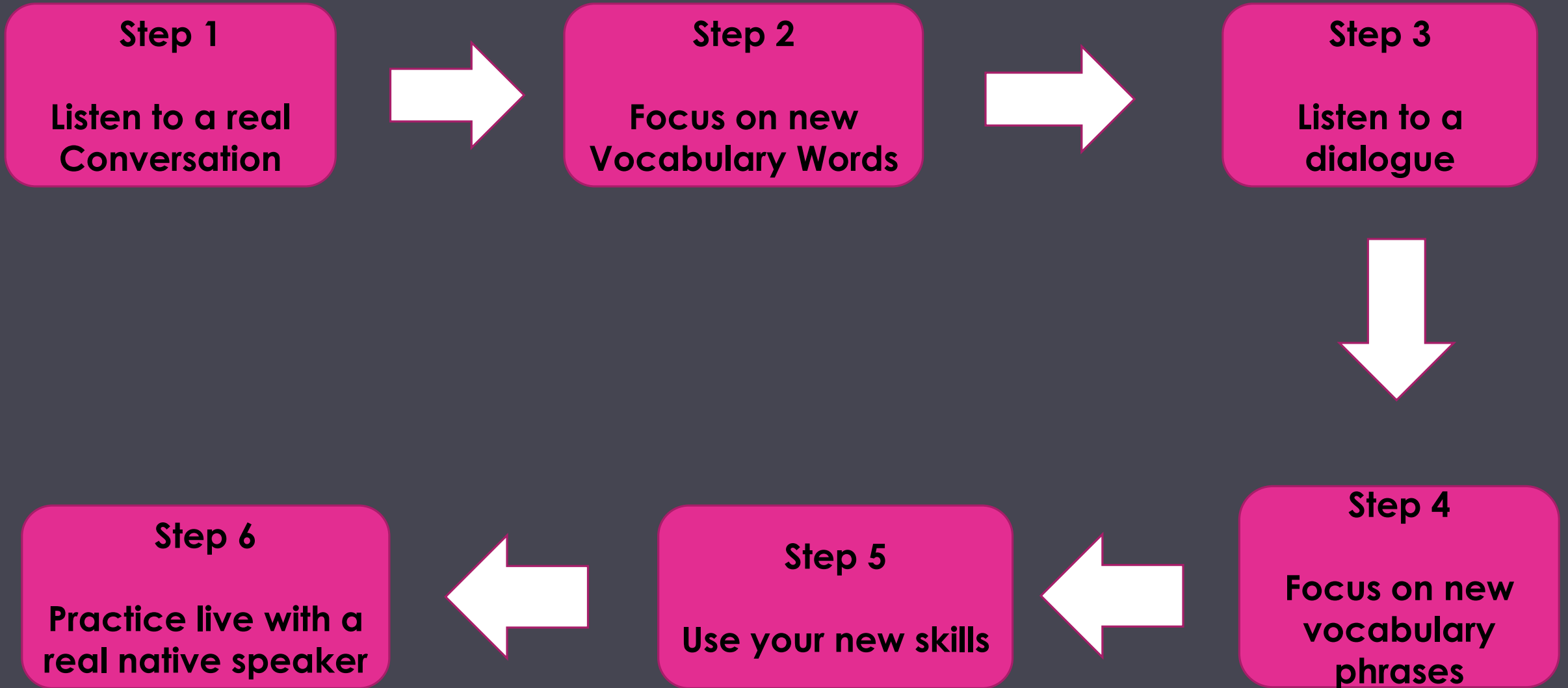




How to Find a Satisfying Career

A Vocabulary Lesson

Our Method



Step 1: Listen to a Real Conversation



Please open mp3 file “Audio Step 1 – Career Satisfaction”

What makes for a satisfying career? Find out Vin’s perspective in this conversation about careers and happiness!

To view the transcript please open the file “Transcript Step 1- Career Satisfaction”

Step 2: Please study the vocabulary words

**To make
for**

Satisfying

**To seek
help**

**To be off
the hook**

Trend

**To
provide**

To go into

Take to

**Ultimate
goal**

To make for

(phrasal verb)



Meaning: To create something, to allow for something to occur

“Understanding your purpose in life can make for a very satisfying career.”

Satisfying

(adjective)



Meaning: Something that fulfills desires, needs, expectations

“This guy looks like he has a satisfying life.”

To seek help

(verb)



Meaning: To look for assistance

“When my clients come to me seeking help I always enjoy offering my assistance.”

**To be off the
hook**

(idiom)



Meaning: To no longer be responsible for something

“I have found a job for the fall so I am finally off the hook.”

Trend

(noun)



Meaning: A current fad or pattern in fashion, lifestyle, ways of thinking, etc.

“The current trend with footwear for teenagers is Converse.”

To provide

(verb)



Meaning: To supply food, money, support for people who need it such as family

“You need a good job so that you can provide for your family.”

To go into

(verb)



Meaning: To enter a professional field, to begin a career

“Why did you decide to go into banking?”

To take to

(phrasal verb)



Meaning: To become fond of something or someone

"These kids have really taken to the game of soccer."

Ultimate goal

(noun)



Meaning: The final objective that you want to accomplish in the end

“My ultimate goal has always been to run my own business.”

Step 3: Listen for Main Idea

What's the best way to find your career path? Should you travel the world? Should you start working right after college?

Listen to the conversation:
Please open sound file
"Audio Steps 3 and 4 – How Should I Choose My Career Path?"



Step 4: Listen for Vocabulary Phrases

Listen to the conversation again and this time, pay attention to the vocabulary phrases in the conversation.

To view the transcript, please open “Transcript steps 3 and 4 – How should I Choose my Career Path?”



Bonus! Say It Another Way!

Don't keep using the same phrases again and again! Learn new ways to say the phrases that you have already learned.

Please click on the link called "Say It Another Way"



Step 5: Use your new skills

To make for

Satisfying

To be off the
hook

Trend

To seek help

To provide

To go into

Ultimate goal

Take to

- 1) What are the current __1__ (patterns) with the use of technology in your career field?
- 2) Is it more important to __2__ (support) your family or to have a career that fulfills you?
- 3) If you are having a hard time deciding which field to go into, you should __3__ (get assistance) from a coach.
- 4) What would __4__ (create) a satisfying professional life?

Answers to Step 5 Quiz

- 1) Trends
- 2) Provides for
- 3) Seek help
- 4) Make for

Prepare your Vocabulary Cards

Trend



To make for



To be off the hook



To provide



To go into



Take to



Satisfying



To seek help



Ultimate goal



Step 6: Practice with a Native English Speaker

- Are you **satisfied** in your current career? Why or why not?
- Why/how did you choose your career? Why did you **go into** your field?
- What kind of monthly income is required to **provide for** a family with children in your country?

Bonus Conversation 1: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way:

A (student): How are things going with your new job? Is it ___1___ (satisfying)?

B: Yeah things are going well. I am so glad I ___2___ (went into) this field.

A: Are you making enough money to _____ (provide for) your family?

B: I am making just enough. I hope to get a raise next month, though.

Answers to Bonus Conversation 1

Bonus Conversation 1: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way:

A (student): How are things going with your new job? Is it rewarding?

B: Yeah things are going well. I am so glad I entered this field.

A: Are you making enough money to support your family?

B: I am making just enough. I hope to get a raise next month, though.

Practice with a Native Speaker

- What is your **ultimate career goal** and why?
- What factors or people influenced your decision? (parents, economy, your location?)
- If you were confused about your career direction, where would you **seek help**? A coach? A mentor? Your parents? Friends?

Bonus Conversation 2: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way:

A (student): What is your _____ (Ultimate career goal)

B: I think I'd like to work as a fire fighter but I am a bit confused about the right direction to take in my career.

A: Well why don't you _____ (seek help) from a career coach or a mentor? It always helps to talk things through.

Answers to Bonus Conversation 2

Bonus Conversation 2: Please use the phrases from Say It Another Way:

A (student): What is your biggest career aspiration?

B: I think I'd like to work as a fire fighter but I am a bit confused about the right direction to take in my career.

A: Well why don't you get some assistance from a career coach or a mentor? It always helps to talk things through.

Practice with a Native Speaker

- In your opinion, what **makes for** a satisfying career? What are the necessary ingredients?
- What are the current **trends** in your country in terms of career choice? For example, in the US there is a trend toward entrepreneurship for Generation Y. What about your country?
- What do you think your main purpose in life is and how does that show up in your career? What is your unique ability? Do you use that ability in your career?
- If you won the lottery would you continue in your career or current job? Why or why not?

Practice with a Native Speaker

- How easy is it to change careers in your country?
- How important is it to understand yourself and your true skills/unique abilities when you choose a career?
- How often do people change careers in your country on average?
- Do you think that the current **trend** of young people traveling the world before settling into a career is a good thing? Why or why not? What career skills can people learn through travel? What are the risks of taking a few years off to travel before deciding on your career?

Practice with a Native Speaker

- What advice would you/have you given to your kids about choosing a career?
- What advice would you give to a younger version of yourself (20 years ago) about choosing a career path?
- Is it selfish to change careers due to your own lack of satisfaction if your family will have less money (but still enough to survive)?
- Is the term “career” becoming obsolete and irrelevant? If so, what will replace it?

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