

Humans, Not Machines

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A good job is where I do activities that I am prepared for. They are activities that I like to do and that make me feel important, happy, and satisfied. It should be a place that has a good working environment, good co-workers, and good pay.

A bad job is one that I do only for the pay. I had a bad experience at one job where the company only needed our hands to do the work. The hours were exhausting. They acted like we weren't humans but only machines.

Maria L. Hernández, originally from Mexico, is an ESL student in Fayetteville, AR. She is a kind and compassionate person who has two sons. She wants to help them and be a good example for them. Maria enjoys bettering herself. She wants to learn English well so she can continue her studies.



What do you think?

Write down the qualities of a good and bad job. Revisit your list after reading some articles.

A good job:	A bad job:

SOME QUESTIONS TO KEEP IN MIND WHILE YOU READ

As you read Maria's story and others in the magazine, think about *who decides*—if you are treated like a human or a machine, what your pay is, whether your job is good or bad? Who *should* decide?