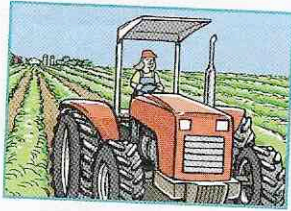


## Reading

## 1 BEFORE YOU READ

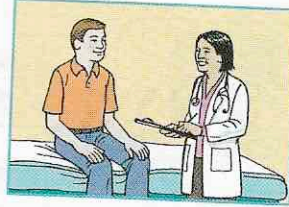
- A CLASS.** Look at the pictures. Talk about the job market for these fields of employment in your area. Which fields have many jobs available?



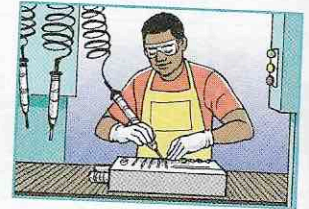
agriculture



technology



health care



manufacturing

- B CLASS.** Look at the title of the article and the pictures. Predict: What do you think is the topic of the article?

**Reading Skill:** Predicting the Topic

You can often guess what an article is about by looking at the title and any pictures. This will prepare you to understand what you read.

## 2 READ

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- Listen.** Read the article. Was your guess in Exercise B correct?

## Today's Hot Jobs

The U.S. job market is changing fast. In 1900, 41 percent of workers had jobs on farms. Now only 2 percent of workers have agricultural jobs. In 1950, 25 percent of workers had jobs in manufacturing. Now only 12.5 percent have manufacturing jobs. So what fields of employment are growing today?

### Health Care

Many of the fastest-growing jobs are in health care. The U.S. population is getting older. These older Americans need medical care and help with daily living. The greatest need is for home health aides and physician assistants. Home health aides take care of patients in their homes. Physician assistants help doctors in a clinic or hospital.



### Technology

As the field of technology changes, the jobs change, too. In the 1980s, most technology workers were computer programmers. Now there is more need for network analysts, web designers, and software engineers. Network analysts make sure e-mail and Internet communications are working well. Web designers create Internet sites. Software engineers develop software like games and word-processing programs.



Today's jobs are in health care and technology. The job market continues to change quickly. Where will tomorrow's jobs be?

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

### 3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

**A** Read the article again. What is the main idea?

- The number of jobs in the U.S. is growing.
- The U.S. job market is changing fast.
- Many of the fastest-growing jobs are in health care.

**B** Read the sentences. Circle *True* or *False*.

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| 1. In 1900, 2 percent of workers in the U.S. had agricultural jobs.      | True | False |
| 2. Today, 12.5 percent of workers have jobs in manufacturing.            | True | False |
| 3. The field of health care is growing because people are getting older. | True | False |
| 4. The number of home health aides is increasing.                        | True | False |
| 5. Physician assistants work in hospitals and clinics.                   | True | False |
| 6. Network analysts plan and make Internet sites.                        | True | False |
| 7. Most technology workers are computer programmers now.                 | True | False |

**C** What are the fastest-growing jobs in the following fields? Complete the chart.

Health Care			
Technology			

### Show what you know!

**PRE-WRITING.** What job do you want to have in five years? What do you need to do to get that job? Write notes.

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**NETWORK.** Find classmates who want to have the same job in five years. Form a group. Talk about the things you need to do to get the job.

**WRITE.** Write about the job you want in five years. See page 271.