

POSTGRADUATE COURSE

Computers and Communication Tools



WEBQUEST

Task 1

Congratulations !!!

You can read this message because the "Acrobat Reader" software has been successfully downloaded. This program allows you to view and print a **.pdf** (portable document file) like the one you are reading just now.

Anyway, to make things easier for you, ask me (Ramón) for a printed copy of this document.

Task 2

Now, to go on with our webquest we need a search engine: (**Google** is thought to be one of the best and you can find it at the following address).

<http://www.google.com/>

Got it? Right, now the information we are looking for is a kind of "career information" designed to provide assistance to individuals making decisions about their future work lives; that is, a kind of **Occupational Outlook**. This information is published and revised every two years in a **Handbook** which describes what workers do on the job, working conditions, the training and education needed, earnings, and expected job prospects in a wide range of occupations.

Therefore, the keywords which could be used in our search are those given in bold: **Occupational Outlook Handbook**. Type them without commas in the blank rectangle at the top of the Search Engine and then click on "Google Search". Good luck!

Task 3

O.K., so this is it. Now look at the "Search by occupation" part at the top of the document. Try to get the information they may have about your own degree/future career (e.g. chemist, physicist, mathematician...)

Right? There are several options: as you can see at the top of the page, you can download either a text version (TXT) or a PDF printer-friendly version which is recommended. This should not be a problem since we already know how to read a pdf. Remember? We can even download this document and save it in our own diskette.

Warning: keep this document because it will be of use in the following lesson.

Task 4

Now, let's visit the following Website:

<http://www.esl-lab.com/>

Since the program entitled "Real Player" has already been downloaded and installed, you should be able to read and **listen to** the document "Randall's Introduction" in the first column on the left (**Easy**) (by the way, you'll need your earphones). Click on the icon "Play Audio" and then answer the questions given.

Task 5

Open the document entitled "Interview with Steve Ryan" on the same page (in the **Long Conversations with Real Video** section); Click on the icon "Play RealVideo 56 modem". The image is not accurate but you'll be able to **watch** an interview with an English teacher and his ideas on language learning. Complete the test given.

Have you got all the tests with the right answers? Then you really deserve a coffee break... (but don't forget about your homework)