



Topic

Conversation for Advanced

Lesson 8
Multipotentialite:
A Person With No
One True Calling

A collection of various tools including pliers, tweezers, and brushes. The tools are arranged in a semi-circle at the top of the image. On the left, there is a pair of pliers with a black handle and a pair of tweezers with a red handle. In the center, there are several pairs of tweezers with different tips. On the right, there is a pair of scissors with a green handle. At the bottom left, there is a brush with a wooden handle and a yellow bristle head.

“ Jack of all trades, master of none, though oftentimes better than a master of one.”

Would you rather be a jack of all trades or a master of one?

Target Language

Introduce the learning goals to the student.

In this lesson, we will learn about

Multipotentialite: A Person With No One True Calling:

- read an article about multipotentialites;
- learn words and expressions about multipotentialite: a person with no one true calling in the passage;
- share your opinions on the advantages and disadvantages of being a multipotentialite.

Key words:

1. calling
2. romanticize
3. coined
4. pursuit
5. concurrently
6. sequentially
7. polymath

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

People around us have asked what we want to be when we grow up at some point in our lives. This question has led us to believe that we must find one true **calling** to which we must devote our lives. As a result, people overly **romanticize** the idea of having that one true calling. Yet, some people do not want to be just one thing. Does that mean there is something wrong with them?



Comprehension Check:

1. What idea is romanticized by people?

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

“Multipotentialites” are people who have a variety of creative **pursuits** and interests, a term **coined** and popularized by Emilie Wapnick in her TED talk. She defined multipotentialites as people who pursue multiple paths in life, either **concurrently** or **sequentially**. Unlike specialists, they do not have one true calling. Furthermore, unlike **polymaths**, multipotentialites do not need to be experts in those fields. Their potential lies in their interests and efforts to pursue those career paths. Leonardo da Vinci, Benjamin Franklin, Aristotle, and others are examples of famous multipotentialites.



Comprehension Check:

3. How are multipotentialites defined in the article?

4. Name some famous multipotentialites.

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Employers find multipotentialites valuable to the workforce. They are known for their ability to synthesize ideas (providing fresh and new ideas by bringing knowledge together from various fields), learn quickly, and adapt to new situations. These skills give them an advantage in the labor market.

Choosing the path to take is hard. You may be confused about your choice, or you may not have come up with one. Therefore, whether you are a specialist or a person with multipotentiality, you should embrace your passion and true self. Being true to yourself leads to a more fulfilling life.



Comprehension Check:

- 5. What skills are multipotentialites known for?*
- 6. What leads to a more fulfilling life?*

Respond to Reading

Complete the task.

Read each situation and identify which multipotentialite skill is being described.

idea synthesis

rapid learning

adaptability

- _____ 1. Jane had worked as a freelance fashion designer for three years before working as a cartographer. Now, she decides to quit her job to create her brand, dresses with geographical designs.
- _____ 2. Robert is a university professor. He usually teaches senior students. One day, he is asked to teach lower-year students. He changes his way of teaching to suit the level of his students and refrains from using difficult terminologies.
- _____ 3. Amanda has joined the Sterlingtouch Restaurant for 1 year. Due to her skills, she is now a sous chef despite her short stay in the restaurant.

Free Talk

Write the advantages and disadvantages of being a multipotentialite.



ADVANTAGES

- _____
- _____
- _____



DISADVANTAGES

- _____
- _____
- _____

- Do you consider yourself a multipotentialite? Why?
- Some people think that changing jobs and interests is immature.

Do you agree? Why or why not?

Summary

Make a summary of the topic you have learned today.

Multipotentialites don't want to be one thing.
They want to be everything.

☐ Talk about how a multipotentialite differs from a specialist.

You may use some of the words you've learned.

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Your opinion...

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