

5 Complete this text by writing *a*, *an*, *the* or *'-* if no article is needed in the gaps.

I was just 18, and it was (1) first time I had worked in (2) office. It was (3) summer holidays and I had just finished (4) school. I thought it would be (5) good way of earning (6) bit of money before I went to (7) university in (8) autumn.

I spent most of (9) day keying (10) information into the company's database.

Although I found (11) job rather boring, I earned (12) good salary.

A new summer programme

This summer, a group of 16-year-old students are taking (0) part... in a three-week programme designed to teach them new skills and (1) them used to working with people they have never met before. (2) things go according to plan, in two years' time, nearly one in six teenagers will be involved in the programme with (3) eventual aim of offering it to (4) young person in the country. (5) far, our group has spent two weeks living (6) from home (many for the first time), initially on an outdoor course, with activities (7) as rock climbing, rafting and trekking, and then spending a week in self-catering accommodation where they are planning and setting up a volunteering project. At the moment, the students are putting their plans into action not (8) by cooking for themselves, but also by organising a night outside sleeping rough in order to raise money for a local homeless shelter.

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