

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the names of jobs below with suffixes -er, -or, -ian, -ist or -ant. Then add three more jobs.

Build **er** account _____ doct _____ electric _____
 flight attend _____ hairdress _____ shop assist _____
 swimming instruct _____ reception _____ scient _____
 politic _____ plumb _____

Complete the table with the jobs in Exercise 1.

<i>Jobs I would be good at</i>	<i>Jobs I might or might not be good at</i>	<i>Jobs I would not be good at</i>

2.

What's your worst work experience?

We interviewed four people who run very successful companies. We wanted to find out about the jobs they did before they became their own bosses and we asked them about their worst work experiences.

1

EVA

- **applied for a job** during her school holidays
- **was badly paid**
- **worked long hours**
- didn't enjoy dealing with customers
- almost **got the sack** for offering a customer a bigger size



2

MARCUS

- **had a part-time job**
- **was responsible for** washing the machines
- didn't find the job challenging
- **put up with** a horrible smell



3

CHRIS

- worked night shifts
- found the job boring and repetitive
- had to stand for hours
- had two managers who came up with different tasks at the same time



4

AMY

- had to get up very early
- couldn't turn up for work one minute late
- worked outdoors
- had to answer difficult questions and found it really stressful



3. Read about four people's worst work experiences. Match jobs A–D with people 1–4.

A A postman/postwoman

B A shop assistant

C A cleaner in a factory

D A warehouse assistant

Write the letter under the right person.



4. Listen and check your ideas in Exercises 2-3.

Who do you think had the worst work experience? Why?

5. Answer the questions. Then listen again and check your answers.

1 Who is self-employed now and rarely has a day off?

2 Who is always nice to people who bring the post?

3 Who was motivated to pass some exams and get a better job?

4 Who left a summer job because he/she got fired?

6. Complete the statements with an appropriate verb.

1 You can _____ self-employed.	do/work
2 You generally _____ outdoors.	be
3 You usually _____ long hours.	work
4 You sometimes have to _____ night shifts.	are
5 You _____ responsible for lots of workers.	apply
6 You need a university degree to _____ for this job.	do/work