

10 Skills and experiences

Reading

- 1 Read the article on page 67 quickly. Choose the best title (a, b, or c).
 - a Change your life
 - b A terrible experience
 - c How to find an interesting job
- 4 Complete each sentence below with one word from the article.
 - 1 Lucio says that during the financial crisis in 2008, _____ wasn't easy for a lot of people.
 - 2 Lucio feels great when a child learns a _____ thing.
 - 3 The ingredients in Asmaa's grandmother's makeup were _____.
 - 4 At first, Asmaa sold her makeup to _____ stores.
 - 5 Ramida's first job at the magazine publishing company was as an _____.
 - 6 Ramida was the _____ in her previous job at the factory.
- 5 What is the common conclusion to all three stories?
 - a It can be very hard to change your job.
 - b It's possible to change your life.
 - c Most people don't enjoy their jobs.

True stories: _____

Many people would like to do something different with their lives, but they are not sure how to do it. Here are three stories of people who have changed their lives.

From business to the blackboard

Lucio had a good job as a computer specialist in Madrid, Spain. But during the financial crisis of 2008, something changed. "I saw that life was difficult for many people. I felt that I was not helping society enough," says Lucio. As a result, he left his job and became a teacher. Lucio now works at a school in the south of Spain. "When a child learns something new, it's a great feeling for him or her, and for me," he says.



A natural change

Asmaa worked as a hotel receptionist in Dallas, Texas. One summer, she visited her grandmother in Morocco and noticed something interesting. "My grandmother made her own makeup from natural ingredients and she had beautiful skin," says Asmaa. "She taught me to make the makeup, and when I got home, I began sharing the makeup with my friends." The makeup was very popular, and soon Asmaa began to sell it to local stores. Six months later, Asmaa left her job because she wanted to start a small business. Now, she's the president of her own company.

Starting again

Ramida completely changed her career at the age of 45. She was a manager in a factory, but her passion was writing. "I loved writing, but my job didn't give me any time to write," says Ramida. "So I decided it was time to change." Ramida applied for a job as an assistant at a magazine publishing company. In her factory job, Ramida was the boss, but at the magazine, she worked for people much younger than her. She's now a journalist at the magazine, and she's writing her first novel.



Grammar

Present perfect

- 1 Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.
 - 1 Paul *have gone* / *has gone* home.
 - 2 *I've seen* / *I've saw* this movie three times.
 - 3 Olga *has never changed* / *hasn't never changed* her job.
 - 4 *Has Ben ever been* / *Ben has ever been* to Mexico?

- 2 Complete the paragraph with the present perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

In recent years, many young people around the world ¹ _____ (become) interested in the environment. One of them is Shivam Singh from India. He ² _____ (do) many things to fight climate change. Singh ³ _____ (work) as a youth advisor for India's Ministry of Environment, and he ⁴ _____ (be) to important climate conferences around the world. He also teaches young people about the environment. Over the last few years, he ⁵ _____ (teach) workshops to young people in his country. Singh hopes that his work can help protect the environment.

3 Write questions. Use the present perfect.

- 1 you / ever / go / camping?
Have you ever gone camping?
- 2 you / ever / visit / another country?

- 3 you / ever / be / on TV?

- 4 you / ever / speak / English to a tourist?

Pronunciation

Understanding weak *have*

- 1**  **10.1** Listen and check (✓) the sentence you hear.

- 1 a She has said a lot of things.
b She hasn't said a lot of things.
- 2 a They have learned English.
b They haven't learned English.
- 3 a We have listened to you.
b We haven't listened to you.
- 4 a The music has stopped.
b The music hasn't stopped.
- 5 a I have started piano lessons.
b I haven't started piano lessons.

Vocabulary

Life skills

- 1 Match the beginnings of the sentences (1–5) with the endings (a–e).**

- 1 It's important to know _____
- 2 I ask my family for help when I'm trying to solve _____
- 3 I try to stay _____
- 4 I find it difficult to make _____
- 5 I always do _____

- a strong when things get hard.
- b decisions, especially about important things.
- c research on different places before I go on vacation.
- d a difficult problem.
- e yourself and understand what motivates you.


- 3 Complete the email with these verbs.**

ask listen solve think work

New Message


Dear Siham,
Welcome to the company! It's your first day, so I wanted to send you a quick message. We like to ¹_____ on teams here, and we encourage our employees to ²_____ creatively when trying to ³_____ problems. Also, don't be afraid to ⁴_____ for help. The other people here are very friendly and experienced. ⁵_____ actively to what they say, and you'll be fine! If you have any problems, please let me know.
Sheila Oh,
Head of Sales

Listening

- 1**  **10.2** Listen to a podcaster introducing a guest on a podcast. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

life coach psychology speaks solve problems

- 1 Dr. Ho is a _____.
- 2 She has a degree in _____.
- 3 She helps people to understand and _____ in their daily lives.
- 4 She _____ at conferences all over the world.

2  10.2 Listen again. Put the events of the guest's life in the correct order (1–6).

- a ____ She started a business.
- b ____ She wrote her first book.
- c ____ She went to Washington State University.

- d ____ She went to Vietnam to work with children.
- e 1 She moved to the U.S. from Vietnam.
- f ____ She returned to the U.S.

Grammar

Present perfect or simple past?

1 Choose the correct option (a or b) to complete the sentences.

- 1 Miguel ____ his car two years ago.
a bought b has bought
- 2 They ____ outside the country before.
a didn't travel b haven't traveled
- 3 Gloria ____ on a team in her previous job.
a didn't work b hasn't worked
- 4 I'm happy because I ____ some good friends in this job.
a made b 've made
- 5 ____ made a difficult decision?
a Did you ever b Have you ever
- 6 Last month, Mia ____ jobs.
a has changed b changed

2 Complete the conversation with the present perfect or simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

- A: ¹ _____ (you / try) scuba diving?
B: No, I haven't, but I ² _____ (swim) with dolphins last year.
A: Really? Where ³ _____ (you / do) that?
B: It ⁴ _____ (be) in a nature park in Mexico. My husband and I ⁵ _____ (go) there for our wedding anniversary.
A: That sounds amazing! I ⁶ _____ (be) scuba diving a few times.
B: Do you enjoy it?
A: I love it. I ⁷ _____ (take) some photos on my last scuba diving trip. Do you want to see them?
B: Sure!

Pronunciation

Saying /t/ and /tʃ/

1  10.3 Listen and number these words in the order you hear them (1–4). Then listen again and repeat.

- a ____ fill c ____ feel
- b ____ it d ____ eat

Writing

1 Correct the mistakes in these sentences from a formal email.

- 1 Hi Mr. Wong,

- 2 I **am write** about the translation job advertised on your website.

- 3 I have two **years** experience as a receptionist.

- 4 I **can to communicate** in English and Spanish.

- 5 I look forward **with** hearing from you.
