

## STAGES IN CAREER. 8<sup>TH</sup>. UNIT 3.

**Task 1. Complete the texts using the given verbs in the correct form.**





“I did a full-time course in tourism for three years. After graduating I looked for several jobs before I was offered one in a travel agency. I liked the job as I got a lot of useful work experience and I had the opportunity to travel a lot. After five years I decided to start my own travel company aimed at budget travel for young people. I borrowed a lot of money from the bank and everyone thought I was crazy to begin with, but now my business is successful and I’m my own boss. I think you have to take a risk if you want to be successful.”

66 I've just <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to work again now my children are seven and three years old. I used to <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as an accountant for a large company in London. I liked the work and the pay was good, but when we decided to start a family I knew that I had to make a choice. I know a lot of women who <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ back to work soon after they have a baby but I wanted to <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my children myself. I think it was the right decision for me and now I've <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a new job quite easily. **99**



## Task 2. Complete the sentences using gerund (-ing) or infinitive (to).

It's easy to get (get) to our house.  
Just turn left after the swimming pool.

- 1 Instead of take (take) a taxi, why don't you get a bus? It would be much cheaper.
- 2 It was really difficult hear (hear) what he was saying because of the noise.
- 3 It's not safe walk (walk) home alone at night in this area.
- 4 I'm not ready go (go) yet. Can you wait for me?
- 5 Don't make a decision without speak (speak) to me about it first.

- 6 I thought about go (go) to university but then decided to take a year off first.
- 7 I found it really hard get (get) a job when I left school.
- 8 He took a year off before start (start) university.
- 9 She wasn't happy about work (work) in London, but she couldn't get a job in Manchester.
- 10 It's very difficult understand (understand) someone who speaks too fast.

When I was at secondary school, I went to all the **lessons** and **did my homework**, but I didn't **work** very **hard**. So, when I **took exams** at 16, my **results** weren't fantastic. I **passed** six, which was good, but I **failed** maths. My **worst** result was physics – I got a **grade E**, which was terrible. After that, I went to a sixth form college where I worked hard and **did well**. I passed all my exams at 18 and went to university. That's where I am now.



### Glossary

**lesson** a period of time (about an hour) in school when you are learning something

**do homework** u do work the teacher has given you to do at home (NOT **homeworks**)

**work hard** work a lot

**result** what you get in an exam, e.g. 80%, A, or 8/10

**(the) worst** superlative of bad OPP **(the) best** superlative of good

**grade** you get a grade (e.g. A or B) or a mark (e.g. 15/20) in an exam

**do well** be good at something and get better at it OPP **do badly**

### spotlight **exam (examination)**

An **exam** is an important test at the end of a period of study.  
**take an exam** = sit down and write your answers in the exam  
**pass an exam** = take an exam and do well, e.g. grade A or 85%  
**fail an exam** = take an exam and do badly, e.g. grade D or 35%

## Task 3. Look at Rafael's exam results on the right and complete the answers to the questions.

► How many exams did he take? 7

- 1 Did he take an exam in chemistry? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 How many did he pass? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How many did he fail? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What was his best grade? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What was his worst grade? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What did he get in English? \_\_\_\_\_

Exam	Grade	
French	B	A, B, C – pass
IT	C	D, E – fail
Geography	D	
Biology	A	
English	C	
History	B	
Maths	E	

Task 4. Complete the sentences.

► Six out of ten isn't a very good mark \_\_\_\_\_.

- I have to \_\_\_\_\_ an English exam tomorrow.
- Did you \_\_\_\_\_ your homework last night?
- Paula did very \_\_\_\_\_ in her German exam; she got a \_\_\_\_\_ A.
- I got my exam \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday. I passed all of them.
- Andre is very unhappy at the moment. He's doing \_\_\_\_\_ at school, and last week he \_\_\_\_\_ an important maths exam.
- Maths is my \_\_\_\_\_ subject. I'm terrible at it.

	Degree subject	Person
1	<b>medicine</b>	<b>a doctor</b>
2	<b>psychology</b>	<b>a psychologist</b>
3	<b>economics</b>	<b>an economist</b>
4	<b>law</b>	<b>a lawyer</b>
5	<b>politics</b>	<b>a politician</b>
6	<b>engineering</b>	<b>an engineer</b>
7	<b>architecture</b>	<b>an architect</b>
8	<b>computer science</b>	<b>an IT manager</b> <b>a software engineer</b>
9	<b>journalism</b>	<b>a journalist</b> <b>a reporter</b>
10	<b>business studies</b>	<b>a businessman/woman</b> <b>a manager</b>



Task 5. Complete the sentences. Use the degree subject on the right to help you.

► He always wanted to be a lawyer \_\_\_\_\_.

- She wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- When did he become an \_\_\_\_\_?
- She's studying to become an \_\_\_\_\_.
- Why does he want to be a \_\_\_\_\_?
- She works as an \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't know anyone who wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Is it difficult to become a \_\_\_\_\_?
- I knew he'd become a \_\_\_\_\_.

LAW  
MEDICINE  
ENGINEERING  
ARCHITECTURE  
PSYCHOLOGY  
ECONOMICS  
POLITICS  
JOURNALISM  
BUSINESS STUDIES

Word	Example	Meaning
<b>self-employed</b>	<i>Are you <b>self-employed</b>?</i>	working for yourself, not for a company
<b>unemployed</b>	<i>I'm <b>unemployed</b>, but I'm looking for a job.</i>	with no job, but wanting to work
<b>retired</b>	<i>My grandfather is <b>retired</b> now.</i>	= My grandfather has stopped work because he is over 65.
<b>housewife OR househusband</b>	<i>She's a <b>housewife</b> now, but she was a lawyer.</i>	a woman or a man who looks after the house and family and doesn't go out to work
<b>boss</b>	<i>Who's the <b>boss</b> in this company?</i>	a person who tells people what to do in their jobs

Task 6. Choose the correct answer.

► The most important person in the company is the **boss**/hairdresser.

- 1 A police officer/vet works with dogs and cats.
- 2 A shop assistant/dentist sells things.
- 3 A housewife/nurse works in a hospital.
- 4 Retired people are usually **young**/**old**.
- 5 An unemployed person **has**/**hasn't** got a job.
- 6 A businesswoman/soldier can be self-employed.
- 7 A businessman usually has a secretary/househusband.
- 8 A pilot/dentist looks after people's teeth.
- 9 A lorry driver/chef works in a kitchen.
- 0 A builder/cleaner works outdoors a lot.

Where does he work?

He works in ... an office



a factory



a hospital



Who does she work for?

She works for

[ a car **company**, e.g. Toyota  
an **airline**, e.g. Cathay Pacific

What hours does he work?

He's got

[ a **full-time** job, e.g. 40 hours a **week**  
a **part-time** job, e.g. 15 hours a week

He works

[ **long hours**, e.g. 12 hours a **day**  
**from nine to five**

How much does she earn?

She **earns** a lot. Her **salary** is \$80,000 a **year**.

He doesn't earn very much. He gets **low wages**.

## Glossary

**earn** receive money for the work that you do

**salary** money you receive every month for the work that you do

**wages** money you receive every week for the work that you do

**low** If you earn **low wages**, you earn less than is normal.  
opp **high**

Task 7. Complete the sentences with words and expressions in the box.

office      an American airline      she work      hours a day      work for  
long hours ✓      earn much      job      ten to six      a factory      does he earn

► He works long hours .      6 Where does \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
1 She works ten \_\_\_\_\_.      7 She works for \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 I work in \_\_\_\_\_.      8 She doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.  
3 He works in an \_\_\_\_\_ ?      9 It's a full-time \_\_\_\_\_.  
4 Who do you \_\_\_\_\_ ?      10 I work from \_\_\_\_\_.  
5 How much \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Task 8. Complete the text with missing information.

My sister's a nurse in our local ► hospital . She only works (1) -time – about 15 hours (2) week – and she doesn't (3) much money. Nurses in our country generally get (4) wages. Her husband is a doctor, and he works very long (5) – sometimes 14 hours a (6) . He earns about \$90,000 a (7) which is a very high (8) in our country.

Feedback. Answer the questions about the work you have done.

a) Were the tasks difficult/interesting/ easy/ ... ? \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Which task/s was/were difficult and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
c) What did I learn while completing the tasks? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d) What mark would you give yourself and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for your honesty!

Yours OP

