

When I grow up, I want to be ...

## VOCABULARY

**To grow up:** grandir

**Often:** souvent

**Firefighters:** pompiers

**Grades:** résultats scolaires

**A course:** un cours

**Even though:** même si

**To be convinced:** être convaincu

**To feel pressured:** se sentir sous pression

**Several times:** plusieurs fois

As children, we all dream of what we want to be when we **grow up**. **Often**, many young children say that they want to be actors, singers, pop stars, or models. Some children say that they want to become teachers, **firefighters**, or police officers. Others want to be astronauts, scientists, or explorers.

When I was younger, I wanted to be a fashion designer. I went to London Fashion Weekend and worked very hard at school to get good **grades**.

Then, I entered a fashion design university, but I hated **the courses**. I felt like I didn't want to be part of the fashion industry anymore.

I now study French. I'm twenty years old and I still don't know what I want to do when I finish university.

At the same time, I worked as an assistant language teacher. I taught English to hundreds of students. I shared my culture with them; it was a very nice experience. The best part was to see how the students progressed. At the beginning, some students would be afraid to say one word; now, they're much more comfortable. **Even though** this experience was great, I'm still not **convinced** that I want to be a language teacher.

This summer, I have an internship in a library. I'm really happy to try something new and see if I want to work in a library in the future.

I think that our choices can be strongly influenced by our parents. Some parents only want their children to study subjects like engineering, mathematics, science or medicine. Young people can **feel pressured** to study certain subjects, which can be stressful.

In the end, there's no hurry to decide what you want to do with your life. Many people change careers **several times** during their lifetime, so there's always time to start a different career!

## QUESTIONS

What did she want to become when she was younger?

A model    A police officer    A fashion designer    A musician

When did she realize she did not want to be part of the fashion industry?

When she became a teacher

When she was younger

When she entered the university

How old is she now?

23 years old

18 years old

20 years old

What was the best part of the teaching experience?

Playing games with her students

Creating fun dialogues

Helping her students improve their English

Seeing her students' progress

After working as a language assistant, did she know what she wanted to do?

Yes

No

What can you do in a library?

Buy a book

Steal a book

Borrow a book

What can't you find in a library?

Books

Games

Painting brushes

A computer

A bed

Do parents sometimes influence their children to study a certain career?

Yes

No

As an adult, is it possible to change careers?

Yes

No

Find the infinitive form of these verbs:

I went: To

I felt: To

I taught: To