

Nikki Evans is a car mechanic in London, she was a librarian before. We asked her why she decided to work with cars. "My first reason was independence", she said "I also wanted to use my hands, and I like to learn how things work. Besides I **figured out** that many people prefer to have a woman repair their cars.

"Nikki didn't find it easy to **become** a car mechanic. She had to **attend** a Skill Center- a especial sort of college where people can learn a new job- for twenty weeks. She tells us about it:

"For ten weeks I was the only woman among four hundred men. And some of them were rude to me just because of my gender. It was also very **tiring**: from 8 in the morning to 5 in the evening, with only thirty minutes for lunch.

"Now Nikki works **freelance** – that is, she is self-employed, working for herself and not for a garage or a company.

2. Match the word with its meaning

1. Figure out	()
2. Become	()
3. Attend	()
4. Tiring	()
5. Freelance	()

- A) Be present (an event, meeting, or function)
- B) To understand something
- C) Self-employed
- D) To start to be something or someone different or new
- E) Making you feel tired

4. Choose the right answer

1. Why did Nikki decided to be a car mechanic?

- a. Because she likes cars
- b. Because she wants to be independent
- c. Because she earns more money

2. Nikki is

- a. A freelancer
- b. An employee in a enterprise
- c. A librarian

3. Complete the sentences with the right word

Figured out – tiring – freelance – attend- became

- 1. Students this math problem
- 2. The work was and tedious
- 3. He a famous writer
- 4. She a school in the city
- 5. She works from home

3. Skills center is...

- a. A school for people to improve they skills
- b. A sort of college for people to learn a new job
- c. A sport center for young people