

YOUNG BUSINESSWOMAN

Read the article and answer the multiple-choice questions.

Sophia Capaldi has just won the *Young Businesswoman of the Year* competition. She is the youngest woman to have ever won it. She comes from quite a poor family and when she was a child her parents couldn't buy her things that her friends had. That is when Sophia started to look on eBay and I shops that sell used or second-hand things at very low prices.

Sophia soon thought that she could buy things very cheaply and sell them again at a higher price. "It started as a hobby" she said. "But then I quickly started to make money and I spent more time buying and selling things until I started to earn a lot of money."

She had always planned to go to university but she was making so much money that she soon changed her plans. She preferred not to spend three years studying to get a good job because she was already earning a lot of money. "I think university life would be fun but I believe there will be enough time for me to have fun in the future" she said.

When she won the competition, she couldn't believe it. She hadn't even heard of the competition before. She was very happy and she felt that she had done something that none of her friends had ever done.

Now she is planning to find one or two people to work for her in the next few weeks as there is too much for her to do on her own. Also, she thinks it will be good to have some company during the day in the office because it can be a bit boring being her own boss.

1. What problems did Sophia have when she was a child?

- A. Her family didn't have much money.
- B. Her parents didn't want her to have nice things.
- C. Her friends laughed at her because she was poor.

2. What does Sophia say about the first meeting she sold something?

- A. It was quite difficult.
- B. She became rich with the first thing she sold.
- C. She did it just for fun.

3. Sophia believes that she will

- A go to university when she is older.
- B. be sorry that she didn't go to university.
- C. still enjoy life when she's a bit older.

4. What did Sophia think about winning the competition?

- A. She knew that she was going to win it.
- B. She felt very special.
- C. She didn't understand why she had won it.

5. What is Sophia planning to do next?

- A. find a new boss.
- B. look for staff
- C. move to a new office.

