

1 Read the text and decide if the sentences are ‘Right’ (A) or ‘Wrong’ (B). If there is not enough information in the text to answer ‘Right’ (A) or ‘Wrong’ (B), choose ‘Doesn’t say’ (C).

MY WORK EXPERIENCE BLOG

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This is my third week of work experience, and I have another three weeks to go. It hasn’t been easy, but I’m so glad I decided to do it. I’ve already learnt a lot about banking, but it’s so much more than that – I’ve travelled half way across the world, made friends for life, improved my personal skills and self-confidence and had my first taste of independence!

I graduated from university last year with a degree in Maths. I really didn’t know what I wanted to do after that, so I needed some time to think about my future career. When I first saw the advert for this project, I didn’t think it was for me. London, UK, is a long way away from Hong Kong, where I’ve lived my whole life. How would I manage without my family and friends? I talked about it with my parents, and in the end I decided to apply. To my surprise, I got in – and by then it was too late to change my mind!

I’m not earning much, of course, because it isn’t a real job. The project pays for my expenses and gives me some pocket money too. I only had to pay for the airfare, so really it’s quite a good deal. My parents are coming out to see me when I finish and we’re going to spend a week sightseeing. I’m looking forward to that because I love seeing new places and meeting new people.

This has been a great adventure for me, and I’ve discovered a lot about myself – including the fact that banking isn’t really the profession for me! I have, however, found out what I really love – and that’s travelling! So I think that’s where my career lies.

1 Karen is about halfway through her work experience.

A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t Say

2 Karen hasn’t had any problems with her work experience so far.

A Right B Wrong C Doesn’t Say

- 3 Karen has already made friends with people all around the world.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't Say
- 4 Karen feels more sure of herself as a result of her work experience.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't Say
- 5 Karen had some good ideas about what job she wanted to do after she graduated.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't Say
- 6 Karen saw the advert for the scheme in a banking magazine.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't Say
- 7 Joining the project meant Karen had to move to another country.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't Say
- 8 Taking part in the scheme was completely free for Karen.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't Say
- 9 Karen is going to show her parents around London when they come to visit.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't Say
- 10 The benefit of the scheme for Karen is that she now knows what sort of work she'd like.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't Say