

LANGUAGE – SENIOR 1

“All in a day’s work”

Past perfect and past simple

Complete the article about different job experiences with the past simple or past perfect of the verbs in brackets.

An early love for the ocean

Asha de Vos was born and grew up in Sri Lanka. As a baby, she loved the water and (1) _____ (learn) to swim by the time she was three. And by the age of six, she (2) _____ (decide) to become a marine biologist when she grew up.

A job on a potato farm

When she graduated from university in Scotland, Asha (3) _____ (take) a job working on a potato farm. Although she had tried during her final year of university, she (4) _____ (not be) able to find a job in marine biology, and now she (5) _____ (need) money because she (6) _____ (already decide) to travel to New Zealand to work on conservation projects – which she eventually (7) _____ (do).

Finding a career in marine biology

After she (8) _____ (work) for six months in New Zealand, she (9) _____ (get) a job on a research boat and travelled the world’s oceans, looking at whales. Eventually, she (10) _____ (go) back to university and earned a PhD in marine biology. Now she’s building a marine conservation research and education centre in Sri Lanka to share her love of the ocean with others.