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Which person ...?

1 _____ felt that the job was badly paid.

2 _____ liked the parts of the job where he/she could rest.

3 _____ started very early and finished very late.

4 _____ enjoyed spending time with the other workers.

5 _____ was very unsuccessful in one of his/her jobs.

6 _____ learned the importance of enjoying the work that you do.

7 _____ learned the importance of punctuality.

8 _____ got practice in something that later became his /her job.

9 _____ and _____ aren't sure if they learned anything.

10 _____ stopped getting any weekly money from his/her parents after starting his /her first part time job.



The best Saturday job I ever had...

Shelf-stacker, dog-walker, and baby-sitter – most of us would have one of these classic Saturday jobs at the bottom of our CVs, if we were being strictly accurate. For the teenagers of today, however, it is far more difficult to find part-time work.



A Sir Ranulph Fiennes, explorer

When I was 16, I wanted to buy a canoe and needed £85. I washed the buses at Midhurst bus station between 3.00 a.m. and 7.00 a.m. during the week. Then I washed the dishes at the Angel Hotel from 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. I was paid £11 per week in all, and that's how I got the cash. It is too long ago to know if I actually learnt anything from the experience.



B Russell Kane, comedian

I did two humiliating Saturday jobs. The first was selling vacuum cleaners door to door. I didn't sell a single one. The other job was working with my granddad for a frozen-food delivery service. I doubt that a Saturday job really teaches you anything. Where I come from, it's automatic: at age 11 you get a job. It wasn't, 'Hey man, I'm really learning the value of work.' It was, 'If I want money, I must work for it.' My dad never gave me a penny of pocket money after the age of 11.



C Tony Ross, illustrator and author

In the fifties, when I was a boy, I used to work at the Post Office over Christmas. Many of us did it, and it was fantastic fun. I earned enough to buy an old motor scooter. My favourite part was going in the lorry to collect the mail bags from the station, because you didn't have to walk the streets all day. The other good thing was doing a round with your own house in it, because then you could stop for a cup of tea. I learnt the basics of working for money like arriving on time, and enjoying it no matter what. It was a good introduction because very few people work for fun. I think I'm probably the only one.



D Clive Stafford Smith, lawyer

I worked for a sand and gravel* company when I was 16. It was cold, damp, and so boring that I cried. I've learned various important things from that job. First, I know I'm very lucky to have a job now that I truly love. I also learned that it's crazy to pay bankers millions while paying minimum wage to people at gravel companies. It's terrible work and no one should have to do it. Anyone who says differently should be forced to work at that gravel company for a year.



E Adele Parks, author

When I was 16, I worked in our local supermarket, stacking shelves for two years. In a job like that you make the decision whether this is what you want to do for the rest of your life. I was doing my A-levels, and the other guys and girls were really quite pleased for me, as they were living through my experiences. I am good at talking and telling stories, and I think I learnt it there, because one of the things about stacking shelves or being at the checkout is that you get to pass the time with people. That's what I liked best.