

Reading Comprehension



dairy cows being milked

One Man, 52 Jobs

After graduating from college, Sean Aiken knew he would need to find a job soon. The problem was that he wasn't sure what kind of work he wanted to do.

One night at the dinner table, his father encouraged him to do what he liked most. His father said he had worked his whole life doing a job he didn't really enjoy. Aiken wanted a different future. That night, he promised himself that he would find something that he was passionate¹ about.

Aiken set a goal to work a new job each week for a year. That's 52 occupations in one year. And he did it! One week, as a dairy farmer, he milked cows every morning. Then, in another week, he was an astronomer studying the night sky. Aiken's favorite job, though, was teaching. He learned he was happiest when he was helping others.

Aiken also learned that it's OK to not know what you want to do right away. He wrote a book about his experiences, and today he tells his story to college and university students. His message? *You'll find your perfect job one day.* After all, Aiken found his.

Choose the correct answers.

1 What did Sean Aiken want to do after graduating from college?

a He wanted to be a teacher.

b He didn't know what to do.

c He wanted to travel to Europe.

2 What did Aiken's father encourage him to do?

a get a job he enjoyed doing

b work one job his whole life

c work for his father for one year

3 Which of these jobs is NOT talked about in the passage?

a astronomer

b dairy farmer

c pilot

4 What did Aiken learn by working so many different jobs?

a that working is very difficult and not fun

b that it is okay to take your time finding a job

c that people should get a job right after college

Critical Thinking :

1 Do you think one week is long enough to know if a job is good or not?

2 In your opinion, is Sean Aiken's life interesting? Why or why not?