

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about their first day at work. For questions **43–52**, choose from the people (**A–D**). The people may be chosen more than once.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

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## Which person

achieved more than she had hoped to?	43	<input type="text"/>
tried to appear busier than she really was?	44	<input type="text"/>
imagined how she would personalise her workspace?	45	<input type="text"/>
found it difficult to remember all her colleagues' names?	46	<input type="text"/>
was surprised at how unprepared her colleagues were for her arrival?	47	<input type="text"/>
discovered her working hours could be longer than she had expected?	48	<input type="text"/>
felt too embarrassed to ask for assistance?	49	<input type="text"/>
was relieved to see a familiar face?	50	<input type="text"/>
realised how much she still had to learn?	51	<input type="text"/>
regretted ignoring some advice she had been given?	52	<input type="text"/>

# My first day at work

*Four young people remember their first day in a new job.*

## A Sheila

My first day at work was alright, really. When I walked into the office the first person I saw was the person who'd interviewed me. She didn't make much of an effort to put me at my ease. I just sat down where she told me to and got on with it. They gave me a load of data to input, so I had plenty to do straight away, which was a relief. I wasn't familiar with the computer system, but I thought if I told anyone I needed help with it, they might just laugh at me. Now I know how kind everyone actually is, I know it would have been fine if I had. I decided I'd bring in some pictures and a plant for my desk, just to make it feel more mine. I could see that's what the others had done. I've been there for two years now, and I've made some good friends and learnt an awful lot.

## B Judy

On my first day, everyone in my new team seemed to know all about me, which I hadn't expected. They all introduced themselves and were very friendly, but I immediately got everyone muddled up, because I felt pretty nervous. I thought my course had prepared me for the work, but in fact it was soon clear to me that there were huge gaps in my knowledge. I was asked to write a press release and then left on my own for ages. I didn't do it particularly well, mainly because I did it quite quickly. I didn't want to look as if I had nothing to do, though, so I typed it out three times. It was a bit disappointing, because I'd thought I'd get so much more done. Now I often wish I had a bit more time like I did on that first day – I never seem to stop!

## C Marion

The first thing I did was learn what everybody was called – not too hard as I'm good at that sort of thing. It was a nice surprise to be greeted by someone I was at school with – it turned out we'd be working together. That was great as I'd been a little worried about not knowing anyone there at all. She showed me where everything was and it was a thrill to have my very own desk and even a locker with my name on! I was a little taken aback when she told me most people went home fairly late and I'd have to do the same if I wanted to be considered for promotion in the future. I should have realised that, I suppose, because my friends had warned me that might be the case. I didn't mind, though – I knew I was very lucky to be there.

## D Valerie

I remember being quite nervous, and when I got there, nobody seemed to know who I was or what I should be doing. That was a little odd, I thought, but my boss turned out to be very friendly and soon made me feel at ease. I was very smartly dressed and everyone else was fairly casual – I wished I'd listened to a friend who'd worked there the previous summer and had told me not to wear a suit. I'd imagined I might not actually do much, but I was asked to look for some photographs of animals to go with an article my boss was writing. I found several suitable ones, and went home at the end of a long day feeling pretty pleased with myself! I've learnt a lot since then but I'll always remember that first day!