

- HUGO: Hi Chantal. What did you think of the talk, then?
- CHANTAL: Hi Hugo. I thought it was good once I'd moved seats.
- HUGO: Oh – were the people beside you chatting or something?
- CHANTAL: It wasn't that. I went early so that I'd get a seat and not have to stand, but then this guy ⁽¹⁾ in front of me and he was so ⁽²⁾!
- HUGO: It's hard to see through people's heads, isn't it?
- CHANTAL: Impossible! Anyway, to answer your question, I thought it was really interesting, especially what the speaker said about the job market.
- HUGO: Me too. I mean we know we're ⁽³⁾ into a really ⁽⁴⁾ so it's obvious that we may struggle to get work.
- CHANTAL: That's right – and we know we can't all have that 'dream job'.
- HUGO: Yeah, but it looks like there's a whole range of ... areas of work that we ⁽⁵⁾
even ⁽⁶⁾ like fashion journalism, for instance.
- CHANTAL: Yeah – I ⁽⁷⁾ so many career options.
- HUGO: Mmm. Overall, she had quite a strong message, didn't she?
- CHANTAL: She did. She kept saying things like ' ⁽⁸⁾ this, but ... ' and ⁽⁹⁾ how it really is.
- HUGO: Perhaps she thinks students are a bit narrow-minded about the industry.
- CHANTAL: It was a bit ⁽¹⁰⁾ though! We know it's a tough industry.
- HUGO: Yeah – and we're only first years, after all. We've got a lot to learn.
- CHANTAL: Exactly. Do you think our secondary-school education should have been more career-focused?
- HUGO: Well, we had numerous talks on careers. which was good, but none of them were
very inspiring. They ⁽¹¹⁾ like today's speaker to talk to us.
- CHANTAL: I agree. We were told about lots of different careers – just when we needed to be, but not by the experts who really know stuff.
- HUGO: So did today's talk influence your thoughts on what career you'd like to take up in the future? ⁽¹²⁾
- CHANTAL: Well, I promised myself that I'd go through this course and ⁽¹³⁾ till
the end. ⁽¹⁴⁾
- HUGO: But I think it's better to ⁽¹⁵⁾ of the industry ⁽¹⁶⁾ and then aim to get better
and better at it.
- CHANTAL: Well, I think we'll just have to differ on that issue! ⁽¹⁷⁾
- HUGO: One thing's for certain, though. From what she said, we'll be ⁽¹⁸⁾ assistants in the industry ⁽¹⁹⁾
- CHANTAL: Mmm. ⁽²⁰⁾
- HUGO: I'm ⁽²¹⁾ for that, aren't you?
- CHANTAL: Actually, I'm not going to accept that view.
- HUGO: Really? But she *knows* it's the case – and everyone else says the same.
- CHANTAL: That doesn't mean it has to be true for me.
- HUGO: OK. Well – I hope you're right!

CHANTAL: I thought the speaker's account of her first job was fascinating.

HUGO: Yeah – she admitted she was lucky to get work being a personal dresser for a musician. She didn't even apply for the job and there she was getting _____ to (13) choose all his clothes.

CHANTAL: It must have felt amazing – though she said all she was looking for back then was experience, not financial reward.

HUGO: Mmm. And then he was so mean, telling her she was more interested in her own appearance than his! (19)

CHANTAL: But – she did realise he was _____ about that, which really made me think. I'm always considering my own clothes but now I can see you should be focusing on your client!

HUGO: She obviously regretted losing the job. (20) (21)

CHANTAL: Well, as she said, she _____ her _____ feelings about him, but she _____ (22)

HUGO: It was really brave the way she picked herself up and took that job in retail. Fancy working in a shop after that!

CHANTAL: Yeah – well, she recommended we all do it at some point. I guess as a designer you'd get to find out some useful information, like how big or small the average shopper is.

HUGO: I think that's an issue for manufacturers, not designers. However, it would be _____ useful to know if there's a _____ in the market – you know, an item that _____'s stocking but that consumers _____. (23) (24) (25)

CHANTAL: Yeah, people don't give up searching. They also take things back to the store if they aren't right.

HUGO: Yeah. Imagine you worked in an expensive shop and you found out the garments sold there were being returned because they ... fell apart in the wash!

CHANTAL: Yeah, it would be good to know that kind of thing.

HUGO: Yeah.