

72 First day at work

My first day **at work** was **surprising**. I was nervous when I **entered** the building, but everyone was **so** friendly **that** I didn't need to **worry**. I was **part** of a small **unit** (six of us), and it was our job to **support** local **charities** in the community. Caroline, my boss, introduced me to the rest of the group, and I spent the **whole** day watching and listening. It was **such** an **amazing** day.

GLOSSARY

at work	This shows where you are. ALSO at school/home , etc.
surprising	If sth is surprising , it is different from what is normal or usual.
enter formal	come or go into a place
worry	think or feel that sth bad will happen worry n
part of sth	some but not all of sth
unit	one complete thing or group that may be part of sth larger
support	If you support sb, you are there to help them if they need it.
charity	an organization that collects money to help people who need it
whole	all of sth
amazing	If sth is amazing , it is difficult to believe, and usually very good. SYN incredible

SPOTLIGHT *so and such*

So and **such** are used before words to make them stronger. You use **so** before an adjective without a noun, and **such** before an adjective with a noun.

- My job is **so** interesting.
- I've got **such** an interesting job.
- I'm **so** busy **that** I can't go.
- I've got **such** a busy day **that** I can't go.

1 Answer the questions. Write Yes or No.

- ▶ If something is surprising, is it what you think it will be? No
- 1 Does a charity help people?
- 2 If you worry about something, are you happy?
- 3 Does the whole day mean all of the day?
- 4 If something is amazing, is that good?
- 5 If you enter a building, are you leaving?
- 6 Is a unit a complete thing?
- 7 If something is *so good*, is that more than good?
- 8 Does *amazing* mean the opposite of *incredible*?

2 Rewrite the sentences using the words in CAPITALS. The meaning must stay the same.

- ▶ He's got such a quiet voice. SO His voice is so quiet.
- 1 He's in the office today. WORK He
- 2 This book is so good. SUCH This is
- 3 Stand up when she comes into the room. ENTER Stand up
- 4 It was such a long film. SO The film
- 5 She's one person in a small group. PART She's
- 6 This job is so difficult. SUCH This is

3 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ This book has 100 units.
- 1 She always that she won't have enough money.
- 2 Last month I spent the time working with Caroline.
- 3 I left the job because the money was bad.
- 4 You can the building at the front or the back.
- 5 It was an interesting job – I loved it.
- 6 There are a number of that help people in poor of the world.
- 7 It's important to people who are very young or new in a job.
- 8 It's difficult working with these children, and I think she does an job with them.

4 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 What was your first day at work like?
- 2 Did you worry about anything before starting?
- 3 Did your colleagues support you?
- 4 Were you part of a unit?



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