

My Love for Photography

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How did I get interested in photography? People usually think it's because of my uncle, the famous photographer Oliver Brinkman. Maybe you've seen his TV show, *Picture of the World*. However, I started taking photos on a school trip. I remember my grandma lent me her camera.

When I was 16, I studied photography at college. I remember feeling really worried about the course. I loved taking photos but I wasn't sure how good I was. And sometimes it's difficult having a famous uncle. People think you'll be amazing too!

My first job was at the local newspaper. My neighbour heard that the newspaper was looking for a photographer and suggested it to me. My mum said I should try and get the job and I got it! When I arrived for my first day, I found out that an old school friend was also working there.

After five years at the newspaper, I moved to London and started a job at the fashion magazine *Dream*. I loved this job. I worked in a great team; I'll always remember how kind they were to me. I went to very interesting places and worked with some famous models.

I now have my own company, ABC Photography. I have a team of photographers who take photos for different magazines. My newest project is a photography course that I've started at my company. I really want to use my experience in the photography business to help new photographers. It's very exciting!

- 1 Eliza first became interested in photography when
 - A she saw her uncle's photographs.
 - B she borrowed her grandma's camera.
 - C she watched a TV programme about photography.
- 2 When Eliza started college she felt ...
 - A worried that she was not good enough.
 - B excited about studying photography.
 - C lucky that she knew a famous photographer.
- 3 Who told Eliza about the job at the newspaper?
 - A an old friend from school
 - B her mum
 - C someone who lived near her
- 4 What will Eliza never forget about *Dream* magazine?
 - A her colleagues
 - B the places she visited
 - C the famous models
- 5 Eliza is teaching photography at her company because
 - A she thinks her team needs more training.
 - B she hopes to make more money.
 - C she wants to share what she has learnt.

Jack Calder

Violin player Jack Calder plays in the Australian band, Ocean Blue.

Jack Calder started playing the violin when he was ten. ‘My music teacher played and one day he asked if anyone wanted to learn. Some girls put up their hands and so did I. I didn’t have a violin, but my uncle said I could use his. The lessons were really hard at first, but playing the violin soon became important to me.’

After leaving school, Jack moved to Melbourne. For a time, he preferred listening to music to playing it. The rock music he listened to sounded very different from violin music, so he bought an electric violin, and started putting the things he liked about rock music into the music he played on his violin.

A year later, Jack met a small group of Melbourne musicians. ‘We all thought about music in the same way and started Ocean Blue together. A year later, we were playing lots of concerts, and our music was selling well. But we didn’t want this to make us different people. We didn’t want to stop being friends.’

Jack meets many people who think playing the violin is an unusual career, but he doesn’t agree with them. ‘I think it’s the best thing in the world. I guess I’m lucky that way. The internet has changed music, but when I walk into a violin shop it’s like entering another world – one where time has stopped. Someone has looked after these beautiful old instruments that are two or three hundred years old. I think that’s amazing.’

1 What do we learn about Jack in the first paragraph?

- A He was the only person at school to play the violin.
- B He learned to play on an instrument that he borrowed.
- C He enjoyed playing the violin as soon as he started learning.

2 What is the writer doing in the second paragraph?

- A explaining why Jack thought some music was easy to play
- B saying why only a few people liked the music Jack played
- C describing how Jack changed the kind of music he played

3 What does Jack say about Ocean Blue?

- A Nobody in the band liked travelling far to play in a concert.
- B The band members were interested in different kinds of music.
- C Everyone wanted to stay friends when the band became successful.

4 Why does Jack think he is lucky?

- A He meets lots of people.
- B He loves what he does.
- C He has an unusual career.

5 Jack thinks it is a good idea

- A to keep some things that people used in the past.
- B to make more music available on the internet.
- C to teach more people to play an instrument.

Buddy, the Red Panda

Buddy and his brother, Rusty, are red pandas. They were born on 15 June 2013 and have lived in their own cage at London Nature Centre since 2015. Wild red pandas live in India, China and other Asian countries, but experts think that there are only about 2,500 still living in the wild.

Luckily, a lot of zoos and wildlife parks around the world are trying to protect the red panda. They have to eat special food called 'bamboo' which is difficult to buy, so there are over 50 bamboo plants growing at the Nature Centre for the pandas.

Just a few months after the pandas arrived at the Nature Centre, a terrible thing happened – Buddy got out of the Nature Centre. He was very clever though because he stayed close to home, and away from the traffic on the city's crowded roads. It took four days for the workers of the Nature Centre to find him!

One of the people who worked at the Nature Centre and who went to look for Buddy was Trudy Andrews. Trudy's father, Mr Andrews, told her that birds don't like being too close to animals like red pandas and they'll make a lot of noise to keep the panda away. He told her to look for Buddy up in the trees. Trudy heard some birds and looked up and saw Buddy there, just like her father explained.

Everyone was very happy when Buddy arrived back safely, especially Rusty! He happily shared some bamboo with his brother, who looked tired and was very hungry.

1 Buddy and Rusty

- A lived in China.
- B were born on the same day.
- C live together with other pandas.

2 The Nature Centre

- A has to buy special food for the red pandas.
- B gives the red pandas about 50 different types of food.
- C grows bamboo for the red pandas.

3 Buddy was lost

- A for less than a week.
- B far away from the Nature Centre.
- C with his brother, Rusty.

4 Mr Andrews

- A found Buddy in a tree.
- B worked at the Nature Centre.
- C knew how to find Buddy.

5 When Buddy arrived back home.

- A he gave his brother some food.
- B his brother wasn't very happy.
- C he had a meal with Rusty.