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Look at the picture on the right. Guess what Abdullah Al Shuhi's job is. Read the interview and answer the three questions underneath in your exercise book.

Interviewer: Do you work for newspapers or magazines, Abdullah?

Abdullah: I used to take pictures mostly for newspapers, but recently I've started doing magazine work as well.

Interviewer: How did you get into press photography?

Abdullah: After I left school, I got a job as a technician on a newspaper, developing photos. During this time, I learned a lot about photography. When the three photographers on the newspaper retired, I had the chance to become a press photographer myself.

Interviewer: What qualities does a good press photographer need?

Abdullah: You need to understand your camera, and know how it works, and keep yourself up to date with all the latest digital technology. You also need a passion for photography.

Interviewer: Why are photographs so important?

Abdullah: Most people today are very busy and don't have time for reading articles. They want a quick summary of an event. A picture can get the message across very quickly. That's why about 60% of a newspaper often consists of pictures.

Interviewer: What advice do you have for young people who want to be press photographers?

Abdullah: Press photography is a great job, but you have to work hard. You can take hundreds of pictures but maybe only one or two will be good. So you should learn to be very patient.



Abdullah Al Shuhi

1. How did Abdullah first learn about photography?
2. Why are there so many pictures in a newspaper?
3. What two things does Abdullah advise young people to do?

Answers:

- 1- He learned about photography while he was working for a newspaper, developing photos.
- 2- Because a picture can get the message across very quickly.
- 3- A) to work hard B) To be very patient.