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Getting the job is often the easiest part

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When I graduated from university, I was lucky enough to get a job quite easily. I was young and excited to get started in building my career. Many people told me how difficult it was for them to get a job. I was lucky. But I soon experienced another problem.

I started working for a busy media company where most of the employees were very experienced in their jobs. They were also quite a lot older than I was.

At first, I was very excited to be working there and I learned things quickly. But soon I was doing much more than what my job was about. Because I was young and had little experience, the people in the office often gave me their work to do too. It was stressful, and I got very tired, and thought about leaving the company.

One evening, I spoke to a friend about my problem and she said I should write my boss a polite email explaining the problem. I knew that she was right. The next day I went to work early and wrote the email. I didn't sleep well that night.

The next day, my boss replied saying that she understood my problem. She told me that she liked the way I worked and didn't want to lose me. We agreed on a new work structure which began the next day.

It is now 20 years later, and I am now vice president of the company. I am so happy and it's my dream job.

So, if you are unhappy about something in the early days of a new job, talk to your boss. I did, and it changed my professional life for the better.

____ 28. What is the main idea of the post?

a. It's easy to find your first job.
b. It can be stressful working for a media company.
c. You should tell your boss if you are unhappy about something in your job.
d. Friends can help us with work problems.

____ 29. Lily says: "I didn't sleep very well that night?" Why didn't she sleep well?

a. She was excited.
b. She was worried.
c. She worked late.
d. She wasn't tired.

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