

READING TIME

1. Before reading

Getting Ready

Discuss these questions with a partner.

flight attendant	lawyer	journalist
programmer	sales clerk	mechanic
secretary / receptionist	taxi driver	waiter/waitress

- 1 Look at the job names in the box. Which jobs are in the pictures above?
- 2 Can you think of three more jobs?
- 3 Do you have a job? Is your job full-time or part-time?
If you don't have a job, what do you want to be in the future?



2. Reading

A Look at the passage. Read only the title and the first paragraph. Then answer the question below.

What is the passage about?

- a a person with many jobs
- b a good job for students
- c a man who started his own company

Scan the passage. Find answers to the questions below.

- 1 What was Sean Aiken's problem after college?

- 2 What was Aiken's goal?

- 3 How long did Aiken work at each job?

- 4 What was Aiken's favorite job?



One Man, 52 Jobs

After graduating from college, Sean Aiken knew he would need to find a job soon. The problem was that he wasn't sure what kind of work he wanted to do.

One night at the dinner table, his father **encouraged** him to do what he liked most. His father said he had worked his whole life doing a job he didn't really **enjoy**. Aiken wanted a different future. That night, he **promised** himself that he would find something that he was passionate¹ about.

Aiken **set a goal** to work a new job each week for a year. That's 52 **occupations** in one year. And he did it! One week, as a dairy farmer, he milked cows every morning. Then, in another week, he was an astronomer studying the night sky. Aiken's favorite job, though, was teaching. He learned he was happiest when he was helping others.

Aiken also learned that it's OK to not know what you want to do **right away**. He wrote a book about his **experiences**, and today he tells his story to college and university students. His message? You'll find your perfect job one day. **After all**, Aiken found his.

**Reading
Comprehension**
Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What did Sean Aiken want to do after graduating from college?
 - a He wanted to be a teacher.
 - b He didn't know what to do.
 - c He wanted to travel to Europe.
- 2 What did Aiken's father encourage him to do?
 - a get a job he enjoyed doing
 - b work one job his whole life
 - c work for his father for one year
- 3 Which of these jobs is NOT talked about in the passage?
 - a astronomer
 - b dairy farmer
 - c pilot
- 4 What did Aiken learn by working so many different jobs?
 - a that working is very difficult and not fun
 - b that it is okay to take your time finding a job
 - c that people should get a job right after college

3. After reading: look for the meaning of these words and write them.

PROMISED
OCCUPATION
SET A GOAL
RIGHT AWAY
ENJOYED
EXPERIENCE
PART-TIME JOB
FULL-TIME JOB