

READING

REMEMBER AND CHECK Answer the questions. Then check your answers in the text on page 85 of the Student's Book.

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| 0 Who worked for only half a year? | Ben | 4 Who beat thousands of people to get the job? | |
| 1 Who earned about £33 a day for the job? | | 5 Who worked for a furniture company? | |
| 2 Who doesn't earn any money? | | | |
| 3 Who works from home? | | | |

2 Read the magazine article. How is Richard different from Erin and Nathan?

Everyone gets nervous in a job interview, but we want to know about the worst interview you've ever had – or given!

I had a job interview for a big advertising company in London. At that time I lived more than 200 miles from London, but I really wanted this job, so I took a three-hour train journey and spent more than £100 on a return ticket. The train was half an hour late, so I spent another £20 to get a taxi across London to the offices of the company. I got to the reception desk just in time and was taken straight into the interview room. The interviewer invited me to sit down and asked me his first question.

'Do you speak French?'

'No, I don't,' I told him.

'Oh, I'm sorry,' he replied. 'We really need someone who speaks French.'

He stood up, shook my hand and thanked me for coming. What a waste of time and money.

ERIN

Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true), F (false) or DS (the text doesn't say).

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| 0 Erin spent over £100 to get to her interview. | ☒ |
| 1 Erin got the money back for her train and taxi. | ☐ |
| 2 Nathan wasn't confident in his interview. | ☐ |
| 3 Nathan had to compete with over 300 people to get the job. | ☐ |
| 4 The interviewer wasn't happy when Nathan pulled him onto the floor. | ☐ |
| 5 Nathan still works at the law firm. | ☐ |
| 6 The man wore headphones because he had a hearing problem. | ☐ |
| 7 Richard only gave one of the men a job. | ☐ |

Which of these stories do you think is the funniest? Why?

I once had a job interview with an important law firm. More than 300 people applied for the job and only ten of us were invited for an interview. The interview was exhausting. It lasted for more than an hour and I was asked lots of really difficult questions.

However, I was pleased with my answers and I was pretty sure that the interview was going well. I was right. At the end, the interviewer offered me the job and stood up to shake my hand. I stood up too, but my leg was dead from sitting down for so long. As soon as I stood up, I fell down backwards. Unfortunately, I was shaking the interviewer's hand and I forgot to let go. As I fell, I pulled him down with me onto the floor. It was very embarrassing. Amazingly, I still got the job.

NATHAN

I once interviewed a man for a job. He came into my office wearing a pair of headphones. I invited him to sit down, thinking he was going to take off the headphones, but he didn't. So I asked him, 'Would you mind taking off the headphones? It might be easier to interview you.'

'Oh, it's OK,' he replied. 'I can hear you OK and I find listening to music helps me relax.' He wasn't offered the job. Neither was the man who brought his dog into the interview room and asked me if I could get him a bowl of water for the dog to drink!

RICHARD

