

## Track 7

### Listening Task 1 – Exam practice – exercise 1

#### Speaker A

When I was 16, I decided to leave school and get a job. I really wanted my , and to earn some money! I got a job in a factory, and worked really really hard there for years – until my first book was , in fact. My  to sixteen-year-olds today is don't do that! Stay at school as  you can, go to university if you can and – when it's time to  the world of work – find something you love doing. Life's too short to spend all day doing a job you hate!

#### Speaker B

I loved my first job – I worked in a café all summer. I was sixteen. so full of energy and . It was a great summer! My boss, Mrs Taylor, was really nice, and I made lots of friends. We worked hard, and had  of fun too. Of course. if the  liked me, they gave me a nice  at the end of the meal. Well, they seemed to like me! By the end of the summer, I'd  enough money to go on a really nice trip to France with my best friend. Fantastic!

### Speaker C

We lived in a small village so it was [ ] to find a job in the holidays. But I wanted to [ ] some money, and didn't want to sit [ ] doing nothing all summer. So, I asked my dad if I could [ ] some of his gardening [ ], and I set up my own little gardening service! I got some [ ] printed, and [ ] them out. People would phone up and ask me to come and tidy their gardens, or cut their grass. I didn't earn a huge [ ], but it was great fun, and I learned a lot about the world of work.

### Speaker D

I'd thought that you just sit behind the [ ] all day, wait for [ ] to come up, take their money, give them a [ ], and put their [ ] in a bag, but there's a lot more to it than that. It was a real [ ]! You have to make sure you've got enough [ ], decide where to put things around the [ ], make sure the window [ ] is attractive – millions of things! Even today I still use many of the skills I [ ] that summer.

### Speaker E

When I was eighteen, I got a [ ] job working for an [ ] company for the summer. To be [ ], before I started, I was [ ] it. The idea of sitting at a desk all day [ ] with paperwork. Awful! But actually, it was a lot more interesting and [ ] than I'd imagined. I made some good friends there, and learnt a lot about the insurance [ ]. I'd rather do something like that than work as a builder! It's not exciting or very creative, but it can be [ ] at times.

### Speaker F

I'll never forget how [ ] I was. I'd only been there a year, but I'd learnt a lot in that time, and done a great job, so I thought it was only [ ]. And there's no [ ] in trying, is there? So, I went in and Mr Jenkins asked me if I was enjoying the job. I told him I was [ ] enjoying it, but I now had a lot more [ ] than when I started, so I [ ] if it would be possible to [ ] my [ ] a bit. He looked at me and said, "Yes, I think you [ ] it. Well done for asking."