

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 [redacted] [redacted], 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 [redacted], in fact. My [redacted] to sixteen-year-olds today is don't do that! Stay at school as [redacted] you can, go to university if you can and – when it's time to [redacted] 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 [redacted]. It was a great summer! My boss, Mrs Taylor, was really nice, and I made lots of friends. We worked hard, and had [redacted] of fun too. Of course, if the [redacted] liked me, they gave me a nice [redacted] at the end of the meal. Well, they seemed to like me! By the end of the summer, I'd [redacted] 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 [redacted] job working for an [redacted] company for the summer. To be [redacted], before I started, I was [redacted] it. The idea of sitting at a desk all day [redacted] with paperwork. Awful! But actually, it was a lot more interesting and [redacted] than I'd imagined. I made some good friends there, and learnt a lot about the insurance [redacted]. I'd rather do something like that than work as a builder! It's not exciting or very creative, but it can be [redacted] at times.

Speaker F

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