

From an outsider to an insider

I had just finished university and was looking ¹ a career. I was sending out a lot of ² but I couldn't even get an interview. Someone suggested that I apply for an internship and it was the best thing I ever did! I worked for eight weeks at a newspaper. The work was quite varied. I worked in ³ of the departments – I started off working in accounts, then in the design department, and finally in the newsroom, and I gained a real ⁴ into how the industry worked, which was extremely rewarding.

It was an amazing experience. I got on-the-job ⁵ and had a mentor who was willing to answer any questions I ⁶. Now when I go to an interview, I can say that I've had articles published and know how to lay out the pages and put together a newspaper. ⁷ benefit is that I made many useful contacts. Even though the company I worked for didn't offer me a ⁸, they did promise to write me a reference letter, which might be more ⁹ than my academic qualifications. The one problem with internships, however, is that they are badly-paid – I barely ¹⁰ enough to cover my expenses.

1 A for	B at	C on	D into
2 A requests	B enquiries	C applications	D demands
3 A every	B each	C both	D other
4 A picture	B vision	C view	D insight
5 A training	B teaching	C learning	D studying
6 A said	B had	C did	D made
7 A Another	B Every	C Either	D Neither
8 A job	B work	C vacancy	D experience
9 A tedious	B stressful	C useful	D rewarding
10 A gained	B collected	C received	D earned