

1 Read the text.

SIENNA: The life guard



I'm seventeen and I've got a **part-time job** as a lifeguard at my local outdoor swimming pool.

Before I started, I had to get a special lifeguard **qualification**. The exam for it was difficult, but I learned some useful **skills**, like first aid. Next year, I'm going to go to university, but I'm planning to work as a lifeguard during the holidays. There are lots of swimming pools and beaches here in Australia so it's easy to find a job, but I don't think of it as a **career**.

IMOGEN: The stable hand



I've got a part-time job at a riding school. They employ me to look after the horses and clean the stables. During the week, I work two hours every day after school, and on Saturdays I work eight hours. I'd like to work on Sundays too, but I can't work more because I'm only fifteen – it's UK **law**. I really love horses and I want to work with them when I leave school. One day, I'm going to have my own riding school. That's my **ambition**, anyway!

BLAKE: The IT consultant



I have my own computer company here in Florida, USA. For \$50, I help people with their computer problems. I usually go to their homes. They're often surprised when they see I'm only sixteen! Computers are my hobby too, so I enjoy the work. I probably work about fifteen hours a week, but sometimes more. I think this job will be my career when I leave school. I'm not going to go to university. Bill Gates didn't finish his **degree** and he started the biggest computer company in the world!

1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photos and answer the questions.

- 1 Where are the people? What are they doing?
- 2 Which job looks the most interesting? Why?

2 Complete the sentences with Sienna, Imogen or Blake.

- 1 When they are adults, _____ and _____ want to do similar work to the work they do now.
- 2 _____ works in lots of different places.
- 3 _____ is going to study at university.
- 4 _____ wants to work more, but can't.
- 5 _____ did an exam before starting work.
- 6 _____ and _____ work outdoors.

3 Match the highlighted words in the text with definitions below.

- 1 a job that you train for and do as an adult _____
- 2 something that you really want to do _____
- 3 a course of study at university _____
- 4 things that you can do well _____
- 5 work that you only do a few hours a week _____
- 6 the rules of a country _____
- 7 something you get when you pass an exam _____