

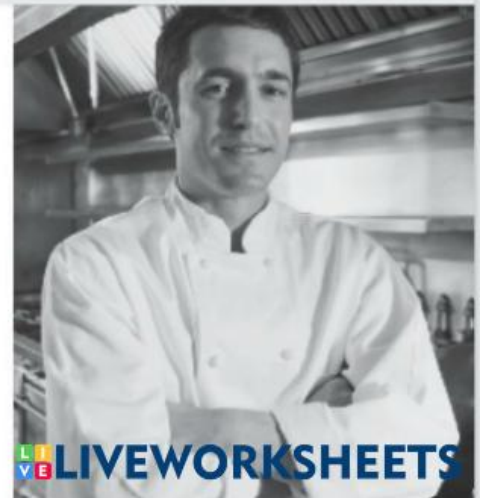
1. LEIGH HUDSON tells us how she seemed / **ended up** / decided being an editor.



Well, after I **imagined** / **finished** / **bothered** taking my law school entrance exams, I still wasn't sure if I wanted to be a lawyer. I already had a degree in English and was **considering** / **expecting** / **agreeing** training to be a journalist. Then one day, I saw an ad for an editorial assistant on a publishing company's website, and I **offered** / **expected** / **decided** to apply for it. After the interview, the manager said I was right for the job and **offered** / **ended up** / **considered** to pay me a good salary. I immediately **agreed** / **finished** / **missed** to take the job. Anyway, I've been working at the company for over five years, and now I'm a senior editor. I absolutely love my job – I can't **agree** / **expect** / **imagine** doing anything else!

2. GEORGE ALLEN explains how he became a chef.

I wasn't really **agreeing** / **missing** / **planning on** being a chef. I **spent** / **bothered** / **decided** four years in college studying electrical engineering. After I graduated, I **agreed** / **happened** / **started** working at an engineering firm and had a great salary, but a lot of responsibility. After six months, I **intend** / **remember** / **miss** thinking, "Am I really happy being an electrical engineer?" I decided I wasn't happy at all, so I quit my job and applied to a local cooking school. After I finished training, I opened a small restaurant. I've never **ended up** / **missed** / **offered** working at my old job – not once. And that was 15 years ago now!



3. CELIA MENDEZ tells us how she became a dancer.



Well, a few years ago, my friends and I **happened / seemed / missed** to go on vacation to a Caribbean resort that put on a great show every night with singing and dancing and everything. I was taking dance classes at the time, and I was actually **finishing / bothering / considering** becoming a dancer. Anyway, one night, the resort had a talent competition for the guests. I didn't **imagine / happen / bother** to sign up. But my friends said, "Celia, this **seems / spends / expects** to be a perfect opportunity for you. You're such a good dancer. You should do it!" Well, to make a long story short, I won the talent competition, and the resort offered me a position as a dancer! I never **happened / expected / ended up** to be a successful professional dancer, least of all at a Caribbean resort! Dreams really do come true!