

2 Vocabulary check

Use the words in the box to complete the text. You may need to change the form of some of the verbs.

volunteer flexibility pursue aspirations honest obstacles
rewards focus realistic admit process

Children's (a) _____ often change as they get older – one minute they want to be a train driver, the next an astronaut. Khalid, however, knew from a young age that he wanted to become a vet. He realised that it would be a long and difficult (b) _____, and that there would be lots of (c) _____ to overcome. Despite this, he (d) _____ his goal with great determination.

Every day at school, he (e) _____ on his studies. At weekends, he (f) _____ at a local veterinary surgery. He didn't mind working for free, as he knew the experience offered many valuable (g) _____ – essential experience with animals, improved chances of being (h) _____ to the best university and some excellent contacts in the veterinary field, to name just a few.

Khalid was successful in gaining entry to his preferred university and graduated two years ago. He's now employed by the same surgery he worked at while at school. So what does Khalid say is the key to success? 'I think (i) _____ is very important – being able to change your goals if you need to and adapt to any situation are great skills to have. Also, you have to be totally (j) _____ with yourself about what it is you really want and whether or not you can actually achieve it. Your goals have to be (k) _____, or you'll never achieve them!'