

# 72 First day at work

My first day **at work** was **surprising**. I was nervous when I **entered** the building, but everyone was **so** friendly **that** I didn't need to **worry**. I was **part** of a small **unit** (six of us), and it was our job to **support** local **charities** in the community. Caroline, my boss, introduced me to the rest of the group, and I spent the **whole** day watching and listening. It was **such** an **amazing** day.

## GLOSSARY

<b>at work</b>	This shows where you are. ALSO <b>at school/home</b> , etc.
<b>surprising</b>	If sth is <b>surprising</b> , it is different from what is normal or usual.
<b>enter formal</b>	come or go into a place
<b>worry</b>	think or feel that sth bad will happen <b>worry n</b>
<b>part of sth</b>	some but not all of sth
<b>unit</b>	one complete thing or group that may be part of sth larger
<b>support</b>	If you <b>support</b> sb, you are there to help them if they need it.
<b>charity</b>	an organization that collects money to help people who need it
<b>whole</b>	all of sth
<b>amazing</b>	If sth is <b>amazing</b> , it is difficult to believe, and usually very good. SYN <b>incredible</b>

## SPOTLIGHT *so and such*

**So** and **such** are used before words to make them stronger. You use **so** before an adjective without a noun, and **such** before an adjective with a noun.

- My job is **so** interesting.
- I've got **such** an interesting job.
- I'm **so** busy **that** I can't go.
- I've got **such** a busy day **that** I can't go.

### 1 Answer the questions. Write Yes or No.

- ▶ If something is surprising, is it what you think it will be? No
- 1 Does a charity help people? .....
- 2 If you worry about something, are you happy? .....
- 3 Does the whole day mean all of the day? .....
- 4 If something is amazing, is that good? .....
- 5 If you enter a building, are you leaving? .....
- 6 Is a unit a complete thing? .....
- 7 If something is *so good*, is that more than good? .....
- 8 Does *amazing* mean the opposite of *incredible*? .....

### 2 Rewrite the sentences using the words in CAPITALS. The meaning must stay the same.

- ▶ He's got such a quiet voice. SO His voice is so quiet.
- 1 He's in the office today. WORK He .....
- 2 This book is so good. SUCH This is .....
- 3 Stand up when she comes into the room. ENTER Stand up .....
- 4 It was such a long film. SO The film .....
- 5 She's one person in a small group. PART She's .....
- 6 This job is so difficult. SUCH This is .....

### 3 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ This book has 100 units.
- 1 She always ..... that she won't have enough money.
- 2 Last month I spent the ..... time working with Caroline.
- 3 I left the job because the money was ..... bad.
- 4 You can ..... the building at the front or the back.
- 5 It was ..... an interesting job – I loved it.
- 6 There are a number of ..... that help people in poor ..... of the world.
- 7 It's important to ..... people who are very young or new in a job.
- 8 It's difficult working with these children, and I think she does an ..... job with them.

### 4 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 What was your first day at work like? .....
- 2 Did you worry about anything before starting? .....
- 3 Did your colleagues support you? .....
- 4 Were you part of a unit? .....



## TEST YOURSELF