

1) Look at the picture on the right. Guess what Abdullah Al Shuhi's job is. Read the interview and answer the three questions underneath in your exercise book.

Interviewer: Do you work for newspapers or magazines, Abdullah?

Abdullah: I used to take pictures mostly for newspapers, but recently I've started doing magazine work as well.

Interviewer: How did you get into press photography?

Abdullah: After I left school, I got a job as a technician on a newspaper, developing photos. During this time, I learned a lot about photography. When the three photographers on the newspaper retired, I had the chance to become a press photographer myself.



Abdullah Al Shuhi

Interviewer: What qualities does a good press photographer need?

Abdullah: You need to understand your camera, and know how it works, and keep yourself up to date with all the latest digital technology. You also need a passion for photography.

Interviewer: Why are photographs so important?

Abdullah: Most people today are very busy and don't have time for reading articles. They want a quick summary of an event. A picture can get the message across very quickly. That's why about 60% of a newspaper often consists of pictures.

Interviewer: What advice do you have for young people who want to be press photographers?

Abdullah: Press photography is a great job, but you have to work hard. You can take hundreds of pictures but maybe only one or two will be good. So you should learn to be very patient.

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1. How did Abdullah first learn about photography?

2. Why are there so many pictures in a newspaper?

3. What two things does Abdullah advise young people to do?

2) Read the text above again. For each item, shade in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. Abdullah takes pictures for _____.

☐ mostly newspapers ☐ only magazines ☐ newspapers and magazines

2. Abdullah's first job on a newspaper was _____.

☐ developing pictures ☐ taking photographs ☐ helping photographers

3. A press photographer must be passionate about _____.

☐ his camera ☐ digital technology ☐ photography

4. Pictures are important because people today _____.

☐ don't enjoy reading ☐ want to get news quickly ☐ are too lazy to read articles