

Part 4

You will hear an interview with a young man called Oliver Stanford, who is talking about how he became a professional gardener. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).



Listening test audio

- 24 Oliver first became interested in his family's garden when
- A he saw how his mother's work had transformed it.
 - B he was given complete responsibility for it.
 - C he realised that no one else really cared about it.
- 25 Once Oliver had decided to become a professional gardener, he was
- A disappointed not to find an appropriate university course.
 - B surprised at the amount of work involved in the training.
 - C unwilling to request financial help from his parents.
- 26 What does Oliver say about his job at a garden centre?
- A He was determined not to be put off by the physical hardships.
 - B He found seeing the results of his work there very rewarding.
 - C He felt it was the most valuable career preparation he could have.
- 27 Oliver was confident he could be a successful gardener because he had
- A developed the necessary organisational skills.
 - B shown a talent for designing gardens that people liked.
 - C learnt a lot about plants from other gardeners.
- 28 What has Oliver found while working as a gardener in a city?
- A It is difficult to get his equipment into people's gardens.
 - B The deadlines he has to work to are tight.
 - C His customers' expectations are unrealistic.

- 29 Oliver describes one gardening job he disliked, because he had to
- A use plants that he knew weren't right for the soil.
 - B dig up plants that were home to wildlife.
 - C replace an area of grass with large stones.
- 30 What does Oliver particularly value about his work?
- A turning an unattractive place into somewhere beautiful
 - B having the opportunity to work with other people
 - C earning enough money to have a small garden of his own