

**Read the article. For questions 1-10. Choose from the people (A-D).The people may be chosen more than once**

Which people or person...

- Studied to do their job? 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Didn't work full-time? 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Says they earn quite a lot of money? 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Had problems finding a job? 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Were a bit scared before starting their job? 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Was scared when they were on their own? 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Enjoyed hearing things about the past? 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Might start their own company? 8 \_\_\_\_\_

### **My first day at work**

*Your first day in a new job can be quite scary. These young people told us about their first jobs.*

#### **A Anna Bletsa**

When I was in the sixth form, I got a morning job delivering newspapers to people's houses. The pay wasn't that great – I think it was 3.50£ an hour. On the first day, the shop owner, Mrs. Williams, showed where I had to take each newspaper. The next day, when I had to do the newspaper round by myself, the problems started. I had to remember which paper went to which address and deliver them in that order. It took me twice as long as it had with Mrs. Williams. Also, I was frightened a dog might attack me. Luckily, nothing bad happened and I soon became good at delivering newspapers.

#### **B John Morgan**

Last summer, I really wanted to get a job and start earning money. The only problem was that, although I made a lot of job applications, I didn't get any interviews because I didn't have any experience. I was starting to get worried. A neighbour asked me if I would take her dog for walks and she said she would pay me, and I agreed. The next week someone else asked me to take care of their dog. Six months later, I had fifteen dogs that I looked after and I was making good money. Now I'm thinking of setting my own dog-sitting business!

#### **C Nicola Curley**

I studied physics at university and became a teacher. First of all, I had to do a year's training to learn how to teach. After six months, I had to do my first day in a classroom with a class full of fourteen-year-olds. To be honest, I was worried before the lesson began – I didn't think I had the right personality for it. I thought it might be too difficult to be strict with the students if they did something wrong. Well, the lesson started and everything went just fine. I really began to enjoy myself and the kids seemed interested in what we were doing. Soon the lesson finished. It had been brilliant. My first day at work was a success!

### **D Gwen Bailey**

I've always liked helping out, so when I saw an advert for a helper in a senior citizens' home, I decided to apply. The pay wasn't great, but I didn't mind. At first I felt a bit nervous, but the people were so friendly and warm, before long I looked forward to going there. They all had so many interesting stories to tell about their lives and the way things used to be. I worked there all summer: eight hours a day, five days a week.