

Listening 9: Lesson 3A, Exercises 3 and 4

Speaker 1 Well, I guess I do what's called skilled work, because I had to get qualified before they would give me the job. It was worth it though, because I earn quite a high salary. I work nine-to-five, Monday to Friday, in a big office with the rest of my team. I have to concentrate pretty hard in my job to be able to work out where the process is going. I don't mind because I've always loved inventing new systems.

Speaker 2 Oh yes, I love my job! The pay is OK and I get to travel to exotic places. Some people think it must be boring, but I don't see it like that. In fact, it's very exciting when you suddenly find something that has been undiscovered for so long. For me, anything to do with the past is absolutely fascinating!

Speaker 3 Yeah, my job's fairly challenging, really, because I have to deal with the public. Sometimes I have to tell people things they don't want to hear and it seems more and more families have problems nowadays. I have to be careful not to take the problems home with me! I work a 35-hour week, but that doesn't include all the paperwork I do. I have to write a report after every visit, and sometimes that can take ages! My salary isn't that good really, considering how hard I work.

Listening 10: Lesson 3C, Exercise 4

- Presenter** And now we're going to talk to Benjamin Davies about his experience of the Erasmus Programme. Benjamin, what are you studying?
- Benjamin** I'm studying Politics and Modern History at Manchester University.
- Presenter** OK. And where did Erasmus take you?
- Benjamin** I went to the Netherlands to study at the University of Amsterdam. I was there for six months during the second year of my degree.
- Presenter** Right, I see. How was studying in the Netherlands different from studying in the UK?
- Benjamin** Well, most of my classmates were either Dutch or American, and those nationalities tend to be much more vocal than we Brits! They aren't afraid to speak up in class and say what they think. I participated a lot more in my seminars in Amsterdam than I do here in Manchester.
- Presenter** Did you notice any other differences?
- Benjamin** Yes. In Amsterdam students are sent a weekly email telling them about all the conferences that are available, and most of them are free. I attended a lot of these conferences, something I don't do in Manchester because I don't know anything about them.
- Presenter** Right. So what else did you do outside university?
- Benjamin** Um, I volunteered with BLINN – it's a Dutch non-government organisation which tries to help the victims of human trafficking. BLINN offers legal and financial help to people mainly from Africa and Eastern Europe. I worked in the office a bit.
- Presenter** How interesting! What about your social life? Was it easy to make friends?
- Benjamin** Yes, I met lots of really nice people. I made friends at university and also at work – I got a job in a call centre to help pay my living expenses.
- Presenter** Well, thank you for talking to us Benjamin. And now we're going to talk to Sue who's been to Germany, I believe ...

Listening 11: Lesson 3F, Exercises 2 and 3

- Interviewer Hello. Rachel, isn't it?
- Rachel Yes, that's right.
- Interviewer Nice to meet you, Rachel. Please come in and take a seat.
- Rachel Thanks.
- Interviewer You've come about the job as a cleaner, haven't you?
- Rachel Yes, I have.
- Interviewer Now, Rachel. How did you find out about the job?
- Rachel I saw an advert on the Internet.
- Interviewer You've worked in a hotel before, haven't you?
- Rachel No, but I help my dad at home. We do the cleaning every Saturday morning.
- Interviewer What kinds of things do you do?
- Rachel I make my bed every morning and I clean my room. Sometimes I help clean the bathroom, too.
- Interviewer You live locally, don't you?
- Rachel Yes, I live very near. It only took me ten minutes to walk here.
- Interviewer Why do you think you're the right person for the job?
- Rachel Because I'm polite and trustworthy, and I'm very self-motivated, so I don't mind working on my own.
- Interviewer When could you start work?
- Rachel Well, my exams finish soon, so I could start at the beginning of next month.
- Interviewer Great, that's fine Rachel. Thanks for coming in and we'll be in touch.
- Rachel Thanks a lot. Bye, then.

Listening 12: Lesson 3F, Exercise 5

- 1 You worked in a supermarket.
- 2 You can start work next week.
- 3 You're good at working in a team.
- 4 You haven't finished your exams yet.
- 5 You're still at school.
- 6 You haven't met your new boss yet.