

PART 3

You will read a magazine article about some young businesspeople. For questions 15- 29 choose from the people (A-E). The people may be chosen more than once. Transfer answers to answer-sheet (the form on a separate page).

Fab jobs!

Worried about the future? Read about some young people and get inspiration from their stories!

A Daria, 21 fashion buyer

I've been into fashion since my teens and some of my friends at school even called me a fashion victim. I always dressed up in the latest styles to stand out and I spent all my money and time on clothes. My parents actually got really worried about me and my future. But then, quite by chance, I got noticed by a scout because of my trendy outfits and my unique style and I was approached by a popular clothes retailer. They wanted me to choose new fashions and create styles for teenagers. And it was a success, so I've been working for the firm ever since and I totally love it! My job involves looking at samples and deciding what the customers will want, and purchasing and stocking products at the best prices I can get. I get to spend money and I've turned my hobby and passion into a well-paid job. I couldn't have done better even if I'd tried!



D Susan, 18 professional tennis player

For as long as I can remember, I've always played tennis and enjoyed it, yet I never thought I'd be a professional one day. This is a very competitive and demanding sport, both physically and mentally, and I didn't think I had it in me. Still, here I am. I'm lucky that I enjoy travelling around the world and staying in hotels and I don't really miss my friends so much because we Skype and email a lot to keep in touch. To keep in top shape, I have to practise every day for at least four hours and pay careful attention to my diet. Also, I can't really stay up very late, so no parties for me, as I feel exhausted the next day, and that might affect my performance during a match. But I don't feel that's a great sacrifice to make, especially since I love the sport. I want to win every match! I actually think I'm quite lucky to be able to do something I enjoy so much and earn a living out of it, too!



B Damien, 17 apps designer

You know how everybody our age is worried about the future and what job to choose and unemployment and things like that? This hasn't been the case for me! When I was ten, my dad gave me his old computer and showed me some basic things about how to use it. I took to it immediately and started looking for ways to change the programs, personalising them and making them do different things. A little later I started creating my own programs and games from scratch and, as I grew up, I started designing programs for my classmates. I came to realise there was a whole market for stuff like that – my classmates provided me with inspiration – so I started producing mobile phone apps and computer programs for students. I knew then that this was what I really wanted to do, so I've just set up my own company!



E Justin, 19 animal trainer

I can't remember any period in my life when we didn't have pets at home. My parents both have office jobs, and are out of the house for long hours every day, so they think pets are good company for kids. Because of this, I grew up understanding what animals feel and how they should be treated. I took an active interest in animal training when I was about eleven. My parents had brought a new parrot home and asked me to train him and look after him. He was the first pet I was completely responsible for and I spent hours teaching him to talk and do tricks! Later, I trained other animals, too: cats, dogs and even a small Capuchin monkey! It started as a hobby, but I soon realised that I could make good money out of it, so now I specialise in training animals that perform in advertisements and films. I think it's a fabulous job because I work with animals, which is such great fun, but also because I'm sometimes introduced to movie stars and other celebrities when we're filming!



C Maggie, 20 jewellery maker

Both my parents are artists and my older brothers work in creative jobs, too, so I wanted to be like them. I actually started off producing metal sculptures. I experimented with various materials and techniques, but I didn't seem to have any real inspiration. At the same time, I was making my own jewellery, because I didn't like anything that was in the shops, and some of my friends started asking me to make things for them, too. So, little by little I started designing and producing jewellery, which I originally gave to my friends for free. But demand grew, so I started producing more and more until it crossed my mind that I could make money from it. So now that's what I do. I design and market my own line of jewellery for young people. I use various techniques and different kinds of materials, ranging from precious metals to wool and paper. In the last couple of years it's really taken off. It's amazing!



Which person says

they don't have much of a social life?

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they use technology to communicate?

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they caused anxiety?

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they can use other people's money?

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they learnt the basics from a member of their family?

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they follow in their family's footsteps?

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they started by giving out presents?

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they started by making alterations to existing things?

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they can meet famous people at work?

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they don't mind missing out on certain things?

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they drew inspiration from others?

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they were discovered by accident?

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they spent hours doing something because they were asked to?

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they didn't believe they would be able to do this job?

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they weren't happy with what was already available to buy?

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