Pre-Intermediate Workbook audio scripts

Unit 5

1.17 Lesson 5A, Exercise 4

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I work as a receptionist in a hotel. The job is OK. There are lots of different things I have to do, like deal with the public, check guests in and out, answer the phone, use a computer, and so on. So every day is different. The problem is, I have to work long hours, sometimes at night, so I’m absolutely exhausted when I go home.

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I’m an architect. I finished college last year and this is my first job. I love designing houses, creating something beautiful for people. I love working in a team and the other people in the office are great. But we all work very long hours. Luckily, I get quite a lot of money so it’s worth it!

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I’m a programmer. I work for a software company in London. I love my job. I often have to solve quite challenging problems, which is difficult and takes a lot of time, but I really enjoy it. I love the feeling at the end of the day when I’veve solved a really challenging problem.

1.18 Lesson 5C, Exercises 4 and 5

**Interviewer** Today in our series about women in unusual jobs, I’m talking to Sally Stone. Hello, Sally.

**Sally** Hello.

**Interviewer** So what made you get a job in transport?

**Sally** I wasn’t sure what to do when I left school, so I went to college and trained as a hairdresser. But I decided it wasn’t for me. It’s badly paid and I wanted something more challenging. So I left college without completing the course.

**Interviewer** Were your parents disappointed?

**Sally** No, not at all! In fact, Dad said, why don’t you come and work with me? He has a transport company. And I thought, why not? It was the easiest thing to do, really.

**Interviewer** You need a special license to drive big lorries, don’t you? Was it difficult to pass the driving test?

**Sally** Lots of people fail, but I passed first time.

**Interviewer** What was it like, when you drove for the first time on your own?

**Sally** It was a bit scary but I soon got used to it.

**Interviewer** What do you like about the job?

**Sally** I love travelling around and seeing different places. I like being on my own for long periods of time. It’s much more rewarding than a nine-to-five job, I think.

**Interviewer** How do men react when they see a woman behind the wheel?

**Sally** They often stare, especially when I’m sitting in a traffic jam. I think they can’t quite believe what they’re seeing.

**Interviewer** Only one in 200 lorry drivers is a woman. Why aren’t there more, do you think?

**Sally** I don’t know. But it’s a pity, because women are very good at it.

**Interviewer** How do you mean?

**Sally** Well, you need to drive carefully and safely, and not too fast. You need to be patient and not get angry with other drivers. In my view, women are usually better at all those things than men!

**Interviewer** But male lorry drivers drive carefully and safely too.

**Sally** Of course they do. I’m not saying that male drivers are less safe, of course. It’s just that they aren’t any better than women at what they do.

**Interviewer** Thank you, Sally, for talking to us today.

1.19 Lesson 5G, Exercises 3 and 4

**Examiner** So, I understand you’re looking for a part-time job. Is that right?

**Candidate** Yes, that’s right.

**Examiner** Well, we have two jobs available at the moment. What do you think of this first one? They’re looking for a part-time waiter. Does that appeal to you?

**Candidate** Well, I quite like the idea of working in a busy café. But the hours aren’t quite right for me. I know it’s only four hours a day. However, it’s at the end of the day when I am already tired.

**Examiner** Oh, OK. You’re a morning person! Well, what about this other job: gardener.

**Candidate** I like the sound of that. I enjoy working outside, even though the weather is often bad. I find gardens very relaxing.

**Examiner** And what about the hours? Are you happy with those?

**Candidate** Yes, I am. Although the hours are quite long, they’re all at the weekend. This means the week is free for schoolwork.

**Examiner** OK. So you’re choosing this job – the gardener.

**Candidate** That’s right. I’m sure a café is an interesting place to work. The money is slightly better too. Nevertheless, I’m sure the other job is right for me.

1.20 Exams Skills Trainer 3, Exercise 4

Welcome to the new term everyone. I hope you all had a really lovely summer holiday. This is your final year at Braxton School and this time next year many of you will be at university or starting a job. It’s an important year for lots of reasons. Next June of course there will be all the examinations but before that you have to make some big decisions. In March, if you want to continue studying, you will need to apply to college or university. If you decide not to go to university and you want to get a job, then your teachers will give you advice about where to look for work. Of course, there is another choice – you can take a year off studying and maybe travel or work abroad to get some experience and some money!

All this year we will be offering extra lessons , which will give you some useful advice about universities and careers. The first session this term will be about looking after your money. Our financial expert, Mr Williams, will give a talk about banks next Monday. It will start at 4 o’clock. It doesn’t sound exciting, but it is very useful! Miss Parks will give her talk about applying for courses at university the following week. Then I shall give a talk about finding a part-time job, which is a good idea for some of you as it gives you some work experience. Employers and universities like that. Over the year we’re inviting some people who have different sorts of jobs to talk to you all. If any of your parents have an interesting job and would like to talk about it with the students, please ask them to phone the school secretary on 07890655234.

So, I just have to say good luck with this year and tell you that next week’s talk about banks will be in the school hall. We hope to see lots of you there!