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All in a day's work

Though I crave for work ...
I do not ask for more than my proper share.

Jerome K. Jerome, *Three Men in a Boat*

ASK YOURSELF, ASK AROUND



Do you think most young people dream big about their future careers? Why?/Why not?

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VOCABULARY

Employment and career • phrasal verbs – work • colloquial phrases • collocations to describe work and money

I can talk about work, careers and internships.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 In your notebook, complete the table with the noun forms of the verbs in the box.

apply compete employ interview
manage promote recruit train

VERB	NOUN (thing/concept)	NOUN (person)
apply	application	applicant

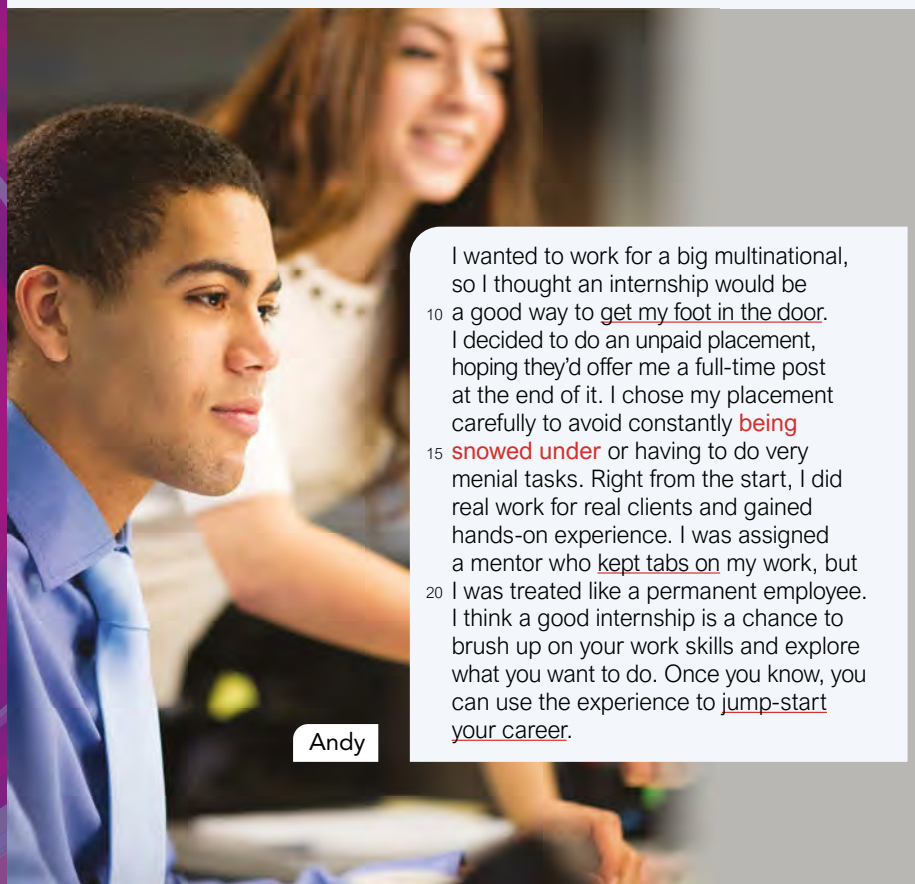
- 2 Think of an example sentence with one of the words from each group in Exercise 1. Compare with a partner.

- 3 Read the article and answer the questions in your notebook.

- Who was **taken on** by a start-up?
- Who persevered despite having to do really boring things?
- Who **slaved away** putting in extra hours?
- Who felt disappointed as the company didn't keep their promise?
- Whose really positive experience **made up for** the lack of pay?

Working for Nothing

With so much unemployment, it's increasingly difficult for young people to **break into** the job market. One way to get on the first rung of the ladder is to do an internship: most big companies offer these short-term placements as a way to gain work experience with the chance of getting a full-time job at the end of it. Some places pay the minimum wage and some only cover expenses. Here, three graduates describe their internship experiences.



I wanted to work for a big multinational, so I thought an internship would be a good way to get my foot in the door. I decided to do an unpaid placement, hoping they'd offer me a full-time post at the end of it. I chose my placement carefully to avoid constantly **being snowed under** or having to do very menial tasks. Right from the start, I did real work for real clients and gained hands-on experience. I was assigned a mentor who kept tabs on my work, but I was treated like a permanent employee. I think a good internship is a chance to brush up on your work skills and explore what you want to do. Once you know, you can use the experience to jump-start your career.

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