

Elementary Audio script Unit 13

UNIT 13 RECORDING 1

1 Before I can get a job, I have to do a training course.

2 I have to go to college evenings and weekends.

3 I can do a part-time course, so I don't have to stop work completely.

4 The college is near where I live, so I don't have to travel very far.

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Lorraine

When I was young, I didn't see the point of school at all! I hated it and I failed most of my exams. I found everything boring ... I just wanted to leave school and start work. My parents worked hard but didn't have much money – my father was a train driver and my mother worked in a supermarket ... I think that from an early age, I knew that I wanted to earn money, and have a better life than them.

So, I left school when I was 16 ... and started work in the local baker's shop – just a small place selling bread and cakes and things. I didn't get paid much, but it was a start! I was determined to do well, and after two years there, I became the manager of the shop. I loved it, but I realised that I wanted more. So after another three years there, I decided to start my own business.

I opened a small baker's shop, and, well ... in the first ten years of my business ... I opened 60 more shops. I worked really hard ... really long hours ... and my business continued to grow fast, and it is still growing. It's worth over £30 million now – I'm very proud of that!!

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Martin

My parents both got into top universities – my father got a degree in Engineering and my mother got a degree in Maths. I passed all my exams at school with top grades, and I also got into a very good university. I got a degree in Maths and chose a career in banking.

When I was in my 20s, I worked for a large company and earned a lot of money. My parents were very proud of me, of course. But after a few years, I realised I wasn't happy at all. I didn't like my job ... it was stressful and boring. I had a wife and two small children, but I didn't have any time to spend with them ... I was stressed all the time and I didn't have time to do the things I liked doing.

What I really liked was music – playing the guitar, mostly. So ... I left my job and now I do small concerts and I teach the guitar to earn some money. I have a stress-free life ... I can spend time with my family and friends ... and I can combine my hobby – the thing I love doing – with work. I don't earn much money, but I don't mind, because now I enjoy every day!

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A: So, shall we look at the results ...?

B: Yes, OK.

A: Well, what did you get? How many a's, b's, c's and d's?

B: Umm ... OK, let's see. Well, I got 1 ..., 2 ..., 3, 4 a's ...

A: 4 a's!

B: Yes, and one b ..., two d's ... and one c ...

A: So, that's definitely mostly a's!

B: Yes ... what does that mean, then?

A: Well, let's have a look at the information ... Your results ...

B: What does it say?

A: OK ... mostly a's ... It says here ... 'You are a dynamic person ...'

B: Yes, that's true. I think I am ... I like doing things and being active ... And ...?

A: ... and ' ... you are ready to do anything to be a success in life' ...

B: Well, I think that's partly true. I mean, I'll work as hard as I can and I might be a bit bossy sometimes ...

B: But I won't do 'anything' to be a success' I won't be horrible to people ... and I won't work all the time ... 24/7 ...

A: No ...

B: What else?

A: OK, it says ... 'Perhaps you will be a successful businessperson, manager or you will work in finance.'

B: Oh well, that's not right! Er, that's rubbish! I'm not good at maths or business or anything like that!

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A: No, you're more creative, aren't you? What's your job now?

B: Well, I'm a journalist at the moment, but I'd like to be a designer ... an interior designer ... I might do a training course next year ... and change my career, I think ... I'd really like to do that ...

A: So, are you 'ready to do anything to be a success in life'?!