

## Go and find a job! 年轻人应该找份正式的工作吗？

*Vocabulary: trying for jobs 词汇：尝试工作*

Do you see yourself in your early 20s already wearing a smart suit and using a company phone? Recent trends have seen young people looking for **internships** rather than **Saturday jobs**. But should people be expected to do a '**proper job**' at all while they're still young?

For many, weekend or evening work is a **rite of passage** that may involve cleaning toilets, milking cows or operating the machine that puts jam into a doughnut.

Holding down a **part-time job** as a teenager or student may not be glamorous. But it's a chance **to dip one's toe into** the world of work and take a crucial first step into **adulthood**.

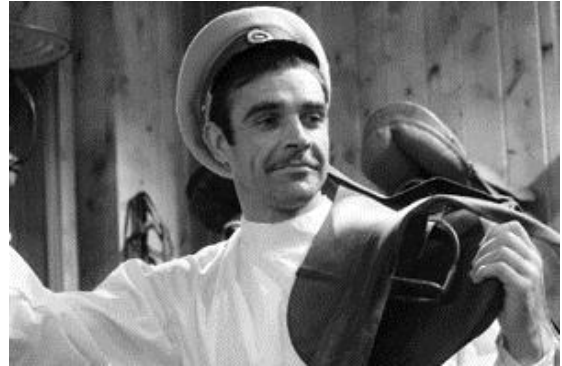
But the number of young people doing a Saturday job has halved in 15 years, according to the UK Commission for Employment and Skills. **The economic downturn** has made it tougher for young people to find any kind of job. For those seeking a career, there is now greater pressure to target their chosen profession and gain **work experience**.

Those who go on to successful careers often mention their days of waiting tables or picking fruit as **formative experiences**. Actor Sean Connery may have the 007 role as a highlight on his CV but he began working as a milkman when he was 14. George Clooney once **tried his hand at** selling women's shoes. Sir Terry Leahy ended up running the British supermarket giant Tesco after taking a holiday job stacking tea and coffee.

What is a 'proper job'? **White collar work** is **aspirational** and professionals in finance, advertising, journalism and the law often work extremely long hours. But there is a sense that sitting at a desk all one's life is not always 'real' work in the same way as some other jobs are.

Has a person who has never had to cope with physical or monotonous labour somehow **missed out**? It goes beyond career development to the idea of becoming a **well-rounded person**.

Dr Paul Sissons, senior researcher at the Work Foundation, argues that the best way to achieve career success could be getting good grades. "**Formal qualifications** are still the essential determinant of labour market outcomes," he says.



Before shining on the silver screen, Connery was a milkman.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

## Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Look at the article, what are the examples given of Saturday jobs?
2. What's made it more difficult for young people to find a job?
3. According to an expert mentioned in the article, what could be the best way of achieving career success?
4. What expression is used to refer to a job in an office?
5. What expression is used to refer to trying something out for the first time?

## Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. My mother has always said that my schoolmate Jon was a good influence on me. As a serious student and a good sportsman, he was a well-\_\_\_\_\_ person.

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2. Teenage girls from wealthy families used to be presented to society in debutant balls. It was a rite of \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

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3. There's a long queue to face before we can get into the cinema but if we don't go we'll be missing \_\_\_\_\_ on a great movie premiere.

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4. Newly-released data showed that unemployment rates went up last month. The economic \_\_\_\_\_ has been worrying the government.

downturn	uptown	turn right	turning point
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5. I've just painted a beautiful watercolour picture and I'm going to try and sell it online. That might be a good way to dip my \_\_\_\_\_ into the art world.

hand	finger	foot	toe
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## **Answers and Glossary** 答案与词汇

### **Quiz** 小测验

1. Look at the article, what are the examples given of Saturday jobs? Cleaning toilets, milking cows, operating the machine that puts jam into a doughnut, stacking shelves in a supermarket.
2. What's made it more difficult for young people to find a job? The economic downturn.
3. According to an expert mentioned in the article, what could be the best way of achieving career success? Dr Paul Sissons, senior researcher at the Work Foundation, says getting good grades is important for career success.
4. What expression is used to refer to a job in an office? White collar work.
5. What expression is used to refer to trying something out for the first time? To dip one's toe into (something).

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## Glossary 词汇表

<b>an internship</b>	一次实习(机会)
<b>a Saturday job</b>	一份周六的工作
<b>a 'proper job'</b>	一份正式的工作
<b>a rite of passage</b>	一个通过仪式
<b>a part-time job</b>	一份兼职工作
<b>to dip one's toe into (something)</b>	尝试做(什么)
<b>adulthood</b>	成年
<b>the economic downturn</b>	经济衰退
<b>work experience</b>	工作经验
<b>formative experiences</b>	成长经验
<b>to try one's hand at (something)</b>	去尝试做(什么)
<b>white collar work</b>	白领工作
<b>aspirational</b>	梦寐以求的
<b>to miss out</b>	错过
<b>a well-rounded person</b>	全面发展的人
<b>formal qualifications</b>	正式文凭或资格