

WORK – Saving up

TRANSCRIPT

My first job was when I was fifteen, I was still at school and it was work experience. We had to do two weeks' work experience to **give us a taste for** work, so I was given the opportunity to work in a big supermarket and I worked in the furniture department of that supermarket. It was probably the longest two weeks of my life, it was just **so boring**. It was **mind-numbingly dull**. Most of the time it was **absolutely dead** in there and there was nothing for me to do. I've never had **such a boring job** since, fortunately.

I did quite a few other part-time jobs though when I was a student. I worked as a barman a couple of times, I worked in a couple of factories, I worked in a library, I worked in an amusement park and I even sold ice cream on the beach for two summers! The experience of working and **earning a weekly wage** was important, even if the jobs were **so rubbish**.

My main reason for doing these jobs was because I was **saving up** to buy a car. I tried to **put some money away** each week so at the end of the year I would have enough money to buy an old, **second-hand car**. I had to **cut back on** all other expenses though so I could **afford** a car. My **workmates** just waited for **payday** and then **went on a spending spree**. I tried to **stick to a budget** so I didn't **blow all my hard-earned cash**. Anyway, I eventually got the car, but the problem is that cars are **so expensive** to run. I always had to **fork out for** something that had gone wrong and needed to be fixed, so after a while I **flogged** the car and got a bike instead!

VOCABULARY

give us a taste for – let you try something to see if you like it

mind-numbingly dull – incredibly boring, so boring your brain goes to sleep

absolutely dead – a place with no people, no atmosphere at all, very boring

earning a weekly wage – getting paid every week

saving up – keeping some money to use later

put some money away – keep some money to use later

second-hand – used, not new

cut back on – reduce, do something less, save

afford – have enough money for something you need to buy

workmates – colleagues in your job

go on a spending spree – spend or waste a lot of money in a short time

stick to a budget – try to spend only a limited amount of money

blow all my hard-earned cash – waste all the money I worked hard to get

fork out for – find a lot of money to spend on something I don't want to pay for

flogged (Br. slang) – sell something quickly or cheaply

GRAMMAR

So and such

so and **such** are similar to 'very'

*the job was **so** boring*

use **so** before an adjective

*it was **such** a boring job*

use **such** before a noun phrase

*the job was **so** boring that I left*

*it was **such** a boring job that I left*

use a 'that' clause to give a result