

Pre-Intermediate 1
Unit 7 Reading
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John's Views about Getting a Job

view = idea, opinion, belief

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graduate = finish one's studies

college = a small university

major in = study

civil engineering = a branch of engineering related to the construction of buildings, roads, tunnels, bridges, etc.

part-time ≠ full-time

experience (noun) = the lessons that we learn in our life

➤ *John wants to gain some experience.*

experienced (adjective) = having a lot of experience

➤ *John wants to become more experienced in his field.*

experienced ≠ inexperienced

➤ *John doesn't want to be inexperienced.*

field (of study) = major = what you study at university

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a while = a short time

quite a while = almost a long time

I haven't made much progress toward ... = I haven't been successful in ...

I have listed my name = I have signed up, I have registered my name, I have enrolled

employment agency = a place where jobs are offered to unemployed people

position = job

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fill out = complete

application = request

boss = president, top manager, chairman

appointment = meeting = arranged time to meet someone
anxious = worried, upset, nervous, stressed out ≠ calm, relaxed
confident (adjective) = certain usually about yourself or your abilities
confidence (noun) = trust in your own skills
confidently (adverb) = with confidence
put on ≠ take off
professional (adjective) ≠ amateurish

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for a while = for a short time
realize = understand
will ⇒ would
interfere with = happen at the same time as something else

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however = but
set an appointment = arrange an appointment, make an appointment
so anxious = very anxious
offer = put forward
confident = sure, certain
I have had enough of = I am tired of, I am fed up with,
It's about time = It's time, It's high time

Full Text:

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Sample Summary:

John is a civil engineering student who will graduate next year and is looking for a part-time job to gain experience. Despite his efforts, he hasn't found a suitable job yet, as most opportunities are full-time. He had an interview with one company, but the job's hours conflicted with his classes. Now, he has another interview scheduled and feels more confident and experienced. He is hopeful this job will be a good fit and is eager to stop job hunting.

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