

First Jobs

Tapescript

Sarah: So Adam, how old were you when you got your first job?

Adam: I was 16 but actually my dad tried to get me to work at Baskin & Robbins when I was 15. And the manager wouldn't hire me because I was under **legal working age** in the States.

Adam: How old are you when you first started working?

Sarah: I started working when I was 14. I'm from North Carolina in the States. And there, you are legally able to work at the age of 14. So I worked as a DJ. My father owns a radio station, so I became a DJ at age 14.

Adam: That's amazing. What sort of things did you talk about as a DJ?

Sarah: It was mainly a programming situation, an AM radio station. So I don't have to talk much. It was mainly just operating the board. And a few commercials, and weather and things like that I would have to talk. But mostly, it was just pressing buttons.

Adam: Did you play any music?

Sarah: Yeah. Some music, depending on the time of day.

Adam: Could you play what you wanted or did you have to follow a script?

Sarah: No, you have to follow a format pretty much, so. So what's been the most interesting or exciting job you've ever had?

Adam: I worked at an airport fueling airplanes when I was in college. And I drove a **fuel truck** around the **tarmac** and fueled airplanes, big commercial airplanes like 747s and also small private prop planes just with two passengers. That was a really interesting, interesting job.

Sarah: It sounds kind of slightly dangerous or maybe a lot of responsibility. Was it?

Adam: Yeah. If you – because you're driving this large truck around very, very expensive planes, so a lot of responsibility. It wasn't so much dangerous, I don't think. But yeah, it was definitely – if you made an error or had an accident, it would be a big accident.

It was – the hours were not very good. I had to wake up at 4:00 in the morning to go to the airport at 5:00. And when I went home I would smell just of gasoline. But it was quite an interesting and kind of exciting job.

Sarah: Nice.

Adam: Yeah. How about you? What's your most interesting job?

Sarah: Most interesting, I guess, for me was I was hired by a car company one time to go and do like test drive demonstrations on like different cities around the US. And I had to, like, ride around with people doing the test drive and tell them about the vehicles, which was interesting because I really know nothing about cars. So I had to memorize a lot of information. But it was fun getting to go to different cities in the US every weekend.

Adam: Wow, cool. What car company did you do this for?

Sarah: I did that for Kia but I've also worked for Hummer, and Ferrari and BMW.

Adam: Wow. That's amazing. Were those separate contracts for Ferrari, Hummer and BMW?

Sarah: Yeah. For those, I didn't do test drives. I was, what's called a promotional model or a brand ambassador. So the companies hire local people when they're an event in a certain area. And most of the time, you're just getting people to **fill out** surveys or do some kind of **prize drawing**. But in the case of Kia, it was actually doing test drives.

Adam: Did you get any free merchandise or vehicles from any of these?

Sarah: I wish I got a free vehicle, but no, just the t-shirt or whatever **outfit** you had to wear for the promotion.

Adam: Yeah, that's sounds really interesting. I love cars, so I'd love to do something like that.

3) Listen to the Sarah and Adam talk about some of their first jobs. Answer the questions.

- At what age did Adam start working? **At 16**
- At what age did Sarah start working? **At 14**
- What was Adam's most interesting job? **a fuel truck driver**
- Why was it dangerous? **It was dangerous because he was driving this large truck around very, very expensive planes**
- What was Sarah's most interesting job? **When she was hired by a car company one time to go and do test drive demonstrations on different cities around the US**

4) Mark the following statements True or False. Then listen again and check.

- Adam didn't begin working at Baskin & Robbins because he was under legal working age. **True**
- Sarah worked at the radio station which belonged to her father **True**
- As a DJ Sarah could play any song she wanted **False**
- When Adam was in college he worked at an airport **True**
- Adam had to get up early for his job at the airport **True**
- Sarah worked for Ferrari and did test drive demonstrations **False**
- She could receive T-shirts and other outfits from car companies **True**

5) Use the following words to complete the sentences

fuel truck • legal age • tarmac • fill out • drawing • outfit

1. What is the **legal age** to get married?
2. That is a cute **outfit** you are wearing.
3. He drives a **fuel truck** at the airport.
4. The plane is stopped on the **tarmac** .
5. Please **fill out** this form.
6. He won the prize **drawing** .