

READING

- 1 Read the introduction and look at the photos. What jobs do you think the three young people did? Read the article quickly and check.

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Would you like to be a football coach, a model or a musician? If you could do any job for a day, what would it be? Every year, Takeover Day offers thousands of young people this chance. Read more to find out what jobs they chose, and what they learned.

Takeover Day is an **annual** event and about 40,000 young people 'take over' from adults. They're in charge for the day! Of course, it's difficult to give someone the job of a celebrity or a model. However, Takeover Day has offered young people jobs as journalists, radio DJs, film directors, teachers and even politicians.

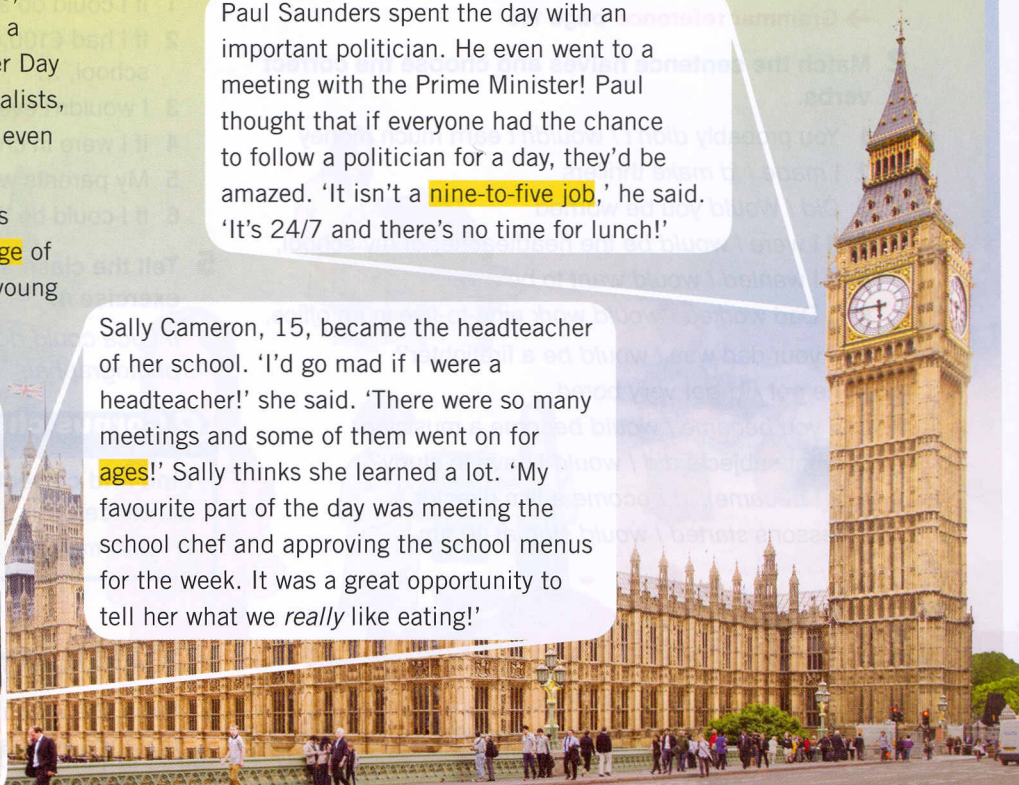
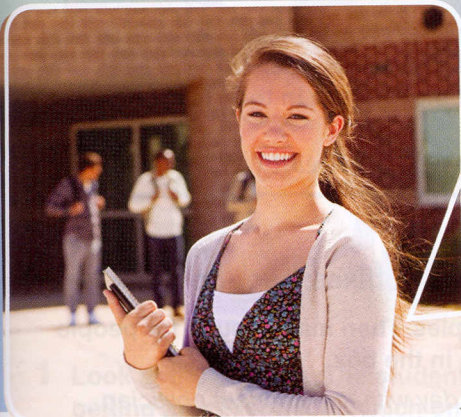
The event has two aims. Firstly, it gives young people experience in a **wide range** of jobs. Secondly, adults can learn from young people's opinions and **fresh** ideas.

Simon Evans and some friends had a day at Coventry Football Club. He became coach of the football team for a day. 'Having a go at training professional players was an **unforgettable** experience,' said Simon. 'If I had the chance, I would do this job every day.'



Paul Saunders spent the day with an important politician. He even went to a meeting with the Prime Minister! Paul thought that if everyone had the chance to follow a politician for a day, they'd be amazed. 'It isn't a **nine-to-five job**,' he said. 'It's 24/7 and there's no time for lunch!'

Sally Cameron, 15, became the headteacher of her school. 'I'd go mad if I were a headteacher!' she said. 'There were so many meetings and some of them went on for **ages!**' Sally thinks she learned a lot. 'My favourite part of the day was meeting the school chef and approving the school menus for the week. It was a great opportunity to tell her what we *really* like eating!'



- 2 Read the article again. Answer the questions.

- 1 How many young people usually take part in Takeover Day?
- 2 What jobs are mentioned in the text?
- 3 Who does the day help? How?
- 4 What was Simon's opinion of his day?
- 5 What surprised Paul about a politician's work?
- 6 What did Sally dislike about her day?

- 3 Match the highlighted words in the article to the meanings.

- 1 a lot of different types
- 2 new and different
- 3 a long time
- 4 a normal job
- 5 exciting and impossible to forget
- 6 happening every year

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