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Work experience

What is work experience?



What do you already know about work experience?

Use the questions below to get you started...



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What kind of things might you **do** during work experience?



What **skills could you develop** on work experience?



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Miss Unifrog's Year 10 work experience

Miss Unifrog did work experience in a department store.

How I found a place:

I took my CV to stores in the shopping centre and handed it in. Then I followed up by email asking for a placement.

What I did:

I worked one day in each department. I helped out staff and customers on the shop floor. I also did a project where I wrote a radio advert for the shop.

What I got out of it:

- Experience for my CV and interviews
- A better idea of retail and sales
- Confidence
- Independence
- A project for my portfolio

Miss McGuigan's Year 10 work experience

Miss McGuigan did work experience in Lodge Farm Primary School

How I found a place:

I contacted the school via the school office and then sent in a letter about myself and why I wanted to do my WEX with them

What I did:

I acted as a TA in classes from Reception to Y6, reading books and helping them with their classwork. Reception groups I had to play and paint with them - I went home covered in paint and sand!!

What I got out of it:

I got experience I could put on my CV and helped me to see what my future career would be like.....I decided being a primary school teacher was not for me!

Miss McGuigan's Year 12 and 13 work experience

Miss McGuigan did work experience in France in a florist and a restaurant

How I found a place:

I signed up to company that offered WEX linked to A level subjects and as I was doing French A level I decided to go to France - 1 week in Year 12 and 1 week in Year 13

What I did:

I made flower arrangements and served customers, helping take down orders and went out for deliveries.
I also worked as a waitress in a restaurant taking customers orders serving them

What I got out of it:

I got experience I could put on my CV and helped me with my French speaking skills

How do you find work experience?

We can support you, but it's your responsibility to find a placement!

Talk to **local businesses**
(e.g. shops, hair salons)

Talk to **local services** (e.g. the library, the council office, museums, etc.)

Talk to **friends and family** who have businesses

Talk to the **clubs** you belong to outside of school (e.g. Scouts, sports teams, etc.)

Talk to local **nurseries and primary schools** (e.g. our Year 5 or 6 team or Best Nursery and Monkey Puzzle)

Talk to the local branch of a **chain company** (if you are unsure of their address you could Google them!)

How do you organise work experience?

This is a four-step process using Unifrog's Placements tool:

Step 1

Contact employers via email or letter.



Step 2

Once you've got a place, complete the Placement form on Unifrog.



Step 3

Your employer and parents/caregivers will confirm the placement via email.



Step 4

We approve your placement so you can get started.

