

## What was your first job?

Stacy / Australia



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b	18	b	Her skin	b	Stressful at times

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serving / holds / oily / pace / sociable / reference / while / especially / find / CV

Hi, I'm Stacy. I am Australian, and I live in Scotland. And my question is, what is my first job?

My first job was actually working in McDonald's. I was 18. I had just finished school. It's actually a really good first job, \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia. I \_\_\_\_\_ if you've got McDonald's as your first job in your \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_, it really \_\_\_\_\_ up.

It was good fun. Most of the people that work there are sort of age between, I would say 15 to 25, so really \_\_\_\_\_ and yeah, you get really good experience and you can work with people and customers, and you do come home smelling like french fries. You've got to come home and have a shower. You also tend to get a bit of an \_\_\_\_\_ skin from being around the frying machine, but I also learned to work at the back in the kitchen, which is also really good fun and just a change of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ customers.

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Answer Key

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25, so really **sociable**, and yeah, you get really good experience, and you can work with people and customers, and you do come home smelling like french fries. You've got to come home and have a shower. You also tend to get a bit of an **oily** skin from being around the frying machine, but I also learned to work at the back in the kitchen, which is also really good fun and just a **change of pace** from **serving customers**.

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### holds up

**Meaning:** Remains strong, reliable, or respected over time.

**Examples:**

- His argument **holds up** even after more research.
- Having McDonald's on your resume **holds up** well as proof of good experience.

### change of pace

**Meaning:** A different or new experience compared to usual activities.

**Examples:**

- After working in an office, moving to a farm was a real **change of pace**.
- I usually study at home, so going to a café is a nice **change of pace**.

### find

**Meaning:** To realize or believe something after experiencing it.

**Examples:**

- I **find** this book very interesting.
- She **found** that learning a new language takes time and practice.

### CV

**Meaning:** A document that lists your work experience and skills when applying for a job.

**Examples:**

- He updated his **CV** before applying for a new job.
- A strong **CV** can help you get hired faster.

### as a reference

**Meaning:** Something used as proof or support when applying for a job.

**Examples:**

- She used her old manager **as a reference** for her new job.
- Having experience at McDonald's looks good **as a reference** on your CV.

### serving customers

**Meaning:** Helping and providing service to people in a store, restaurant, or business.

**Examples:**

- He enjoys **serving customers** at the café.
- Working in retail means spending a lot of time **serving customers**.