

*Let's go 6*





## Kirsty's story

**a** Kirsty switched her computer off and looked sadly out of her bedroom window. The sky over Bristol was grey. Just like her life.

Kirsty had trained to be a website designer. She was good with computers – computers and cycling were her two hobbies. She had even designed her own website, 'Kirsty's Bike Site'. KBS offered all kinds of information about cycling and cycling equipment. After her apprenticeship Kirsty had found a job with a small internet services company in Bristol. But it was a limited contract, and six months later she had to leave the company. They could not offer her a job.

Now, five months later, Kirsty hated being unemployed. She had good references but she still couldn't find a job.

**b** One evening, Kirsty's father came home from work at the hotel. Kirsty did not want to speak to him because they had argued in the morning. He thought she should take any job she could find, even if it had nothing to do with computers. He wanted her to get a job

as a receptionist in a hotel. He could help her. But Kirsty wasn't interested in working in a hotel – she didn't want to spend her life in a job she didn't like.

**c** "I'm going out on my bike, Mum!" Kirsty shouted. Riding fast usually helped her to feel better. But twenty minutes later she had an accident. Her bike was broken. She was far away from home and she had forgotten her bike tools.

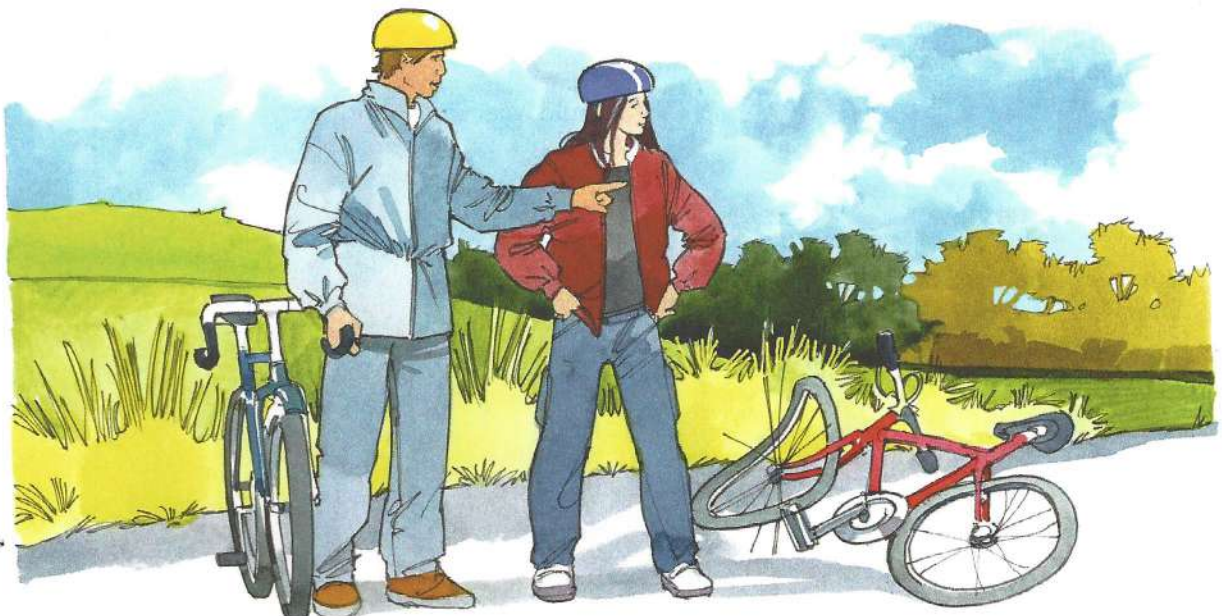
**d** A boy saw Kirsty with her bike at the side of the road. "Do you have a problem?" he asked. "There's an old bike shop near here. You can get help there."

He showed her the shop. She was not surprised that it was not well-known. It was quite big, but it was dark and not very modern.

The owner of the shop was a friendly old man called Tom.

"I'm sorry," Kirsty told him. "I can't pay you, but if I can use your tools, I can repair my bike myself."

"Help yourself," the old man answered. "I'm sure you'll do it quicker than me."





e "I can see you know a lot about bikes," he said, smiling. "You repaired that bike really quickly." He thought for a minute, then he said, "You know, this was once a very popular shop, but now it's too much for me alone. I have an idea. If you have time, maybe you could work here with me."

"Thank you," said Kirsty, "that's very nice of you, but I'm looking for a job with computers."

The old man smiled. "Well, would you like to think about it?"

f One year and a lot of hard work later everything was different. It was a modern shop, with big windows and all kinds of new bikes and cycling equipment. And there were lots of customers! There was an office and a workshop.

"I saw on your website that you sell the new 804 Saturn frame," a customer said to Tom.

"That's right," Tom answered. "Kirsty can tell you all about that. Kirsty!" Kirsty left her computer and came to the customer. "Hi. How I can help you?"



## 1 Kirsty's decision

a) Why did Kirsty decide to work at the shop?

*Use the ideas from the box. There are different possible answers.*

b) What did Kirsty do to make the shop popular?

know a lot about bikes  
repair bikes  
good ideas for a modern shop  
make a website  
need a job  
friendly shop owner

## 2 Speaking: What's important?

a) Kirsty and her father have different ideas about jobs.

*Make dialogues. One of you is Kirsty, the other one is her father.*

### Kirsty's father

unemployed for five months  
take any job  
hotel  
easy work  
earn money  
old shop

### Kirsty

website designer  
cycling - hobby  
hate being unemployed  
work in hotel - not interesting  
know a lot about bikes  
like to repair bikes

b) Act the dialogue in class.

## 1 After school

Six teenagers are talking about life after school. What can you say about them? Write your answers. Use the words in the box in the right form.

enjoy / meet new people    be interested in / do 'Modern Apprenticeship'  
be good at / repair technical things    like / help people  
hate / do tests    be good at / work with children

1. **Sarah:** I want to become a nurse. She likes helping people.
2. **Jim:** I'd like to work in a hotel. He ... *Go on, please.*
3. **Maria:** I want to train for a job as a children's nurse.
4. **Kevin:** I want to go to college and earn money at the same time.
5. **Jane:** Great! No more class tests when I leave school!
6. **Mark:** I want to train to be a car mechanic.

### TIPP

Du verwendest das Gerundium, um etwas über eine Tätigkeit oder einen Vorgang zu sagen. Du bildest es aus der Grundform des Verbs + ing.

## 2 Speaking: What are you good at?

Make dialogues with a partner.

- A: What are you good at?  
B: I'm good at repairing computers. And you?  
A: I like repairing bikes.

be good at ...  
like ...  
hate ...  
be interested in ...  
enjoy ...

draw  
repair  
play  
wear  
...

## 3 Who said that?

a) Try to remember the texts in this unit. *Who said what?*

1. Sometimes you are like a doctor because you listen to people's problems.  
A hairdresser said that.
2. My apprenticeship has given me technical skills.
3. We make people look good and then they start to feel better.
4. I now believe in myself because I have more experience.
5. Cooking is great!
6. You should take any job.
7. Going out on my bike makes me feel better.
8. Could you tell me more about the apprenticeship?
9. I'm looking for a job with computers.

b) There's one extra sentence. *Who said it?*