

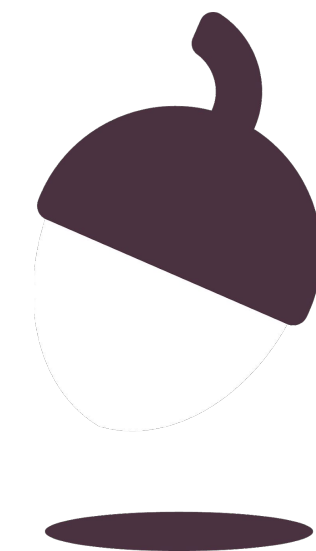
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Talking about work experience (Part 2/2)

- Using the perfect and imperfect tenses

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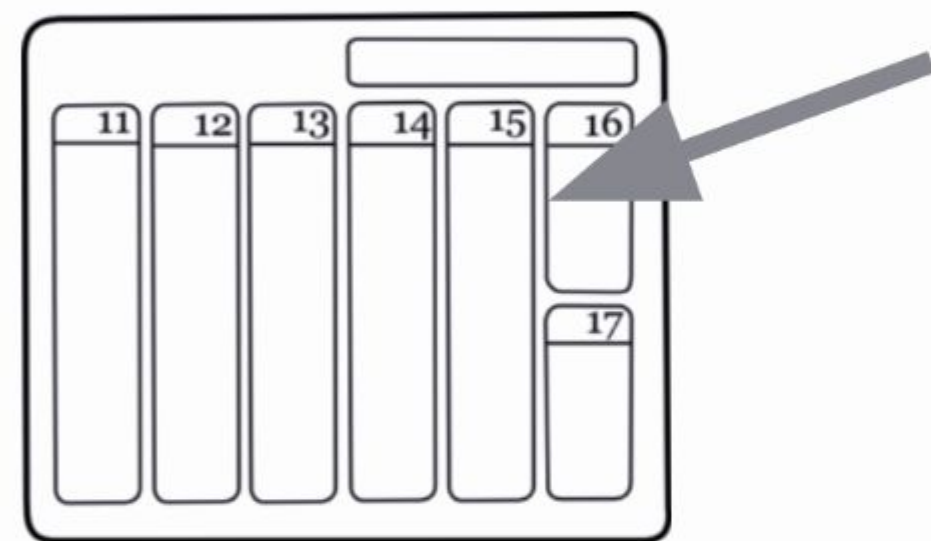
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[to do/doing]





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devoir

[to have to]



servir les clients	to serve/serving customers
ranger les vêtements	to tidy/tidying the clothes
aider les mécaniciens	to help/helping the mechanics
taper des documents	to type/typing documents
laver les cheveux des clients	to wash/washing customers' hair
faire du café	to make/making coffee
répondre au téléphone	to answer/answering the phone
faire des photocopies	to make/ making photocopies
prendre des réservations	to take/taking bookings
envoyer des e-mails	to send/sending emails



Remember:
infinitives
can be
translated
as 'to..' as
well as the
gerund
'...ing'.



Using the perfect and imperfect tenses

*Le premier jour, **j'ai** rangé les vêtements.*



*On the first day, **I** tidied the clothes.*

*Chaque jour, **je** rangeais les vêtements.*

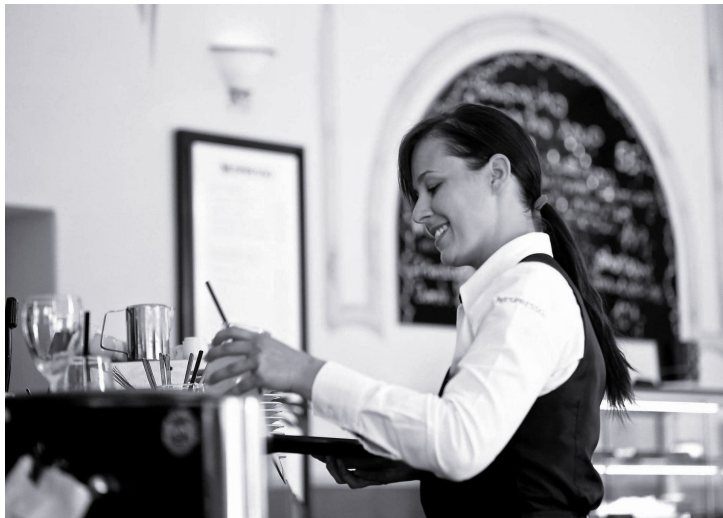


*Every day, **I** tidied the clothes.*



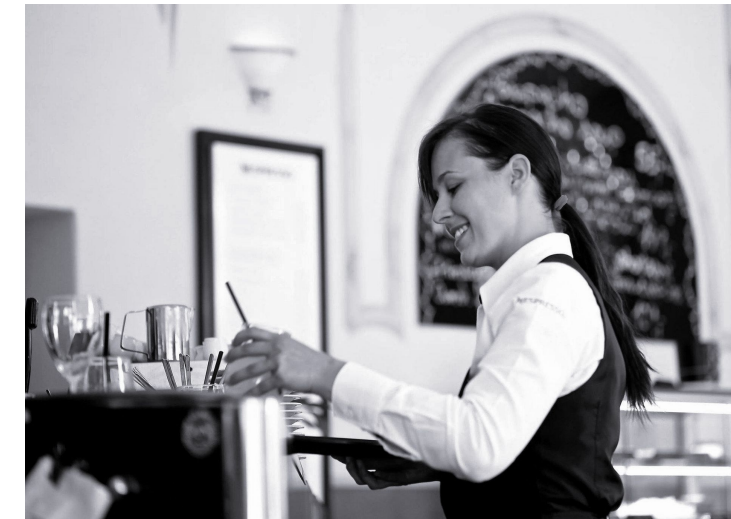
Using the perfect and imperfect tenses

*Le premier jour, **j'ai** servi les clients.*



*On the first day, **I served** the customers.*

*Chaque jour, **je servais** les clients.*



*Every day, **I served** the customers.*



Using the perfect and imperfect tenses

*Le premier jour, **j'ai** réponduu au téléphone.*



*On the first day, **I** answered the phone.*

*Chaque jour, **je** répondais au téléphone*



*Every day, **I** answered the phone.*



Using the perfect and the imperfect tenses

The **perfect tense** is used for talking about events that **have happened in the past (completed actions)**.

*Le premier jour, **j'ai** rangé les vêtements.*

*On the first day, **I tidied** the clothes.*

The **imperfect tense** is used for talking about events that **used to happen, or were happening** over a certain period of time **in the past (continued actions)**.

*Chaque jour, **je** rangeais les vêtements.*

*Every day, **I tidied** the clothes.*



Talking about work experience

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| 1. The perfect is used for | Completed actions in the past |
| 2. The imperfect is used for | Continued actions in the past |
| 3. Je = and J'ai = | Je = I
J'ai = I have |
| 4. On the first day I typed documents = | Le premier jour j'ai tapé des documents |
| 5. Every day I typed documents = | Chaque jour je tapais des documents |

