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I study at Óbuda University but I also work. I am studying to be an electrical engineer. I am in my second year.

Every day I get up at 6. I love sleeping and it takes me some time to wake up completely so I set the alarm clock for quarter to 6. When I get up, I go to the bathroom. I wash my face, neck, ears and hands in warm water and dry myself with a towel. Sometimes I take a shower or have a bath. Then I clean my teeth. I don't comb because I have really short hair. After I come out of the bathroom, I get dressed. I am often in a hurry in the morning so I don't have much time to prepare breakfast, therefore I make it the previous evening. I always have breakfast because it is very important. Sometimes I turn on the radio to listen to the news and the weather forecast. I usually go to school by public transport but sometimes I go by car. Sometimes, when the weather is good, I cycle to school and work. I have lunch at the university or at work but I have dinner with my family in the evening. Sometimes my grandparents also visit us and then we have dinner together.

I work for a small company. I work in an office. I go to work at 8 a.m. and work until 5 p.m. but not every day because I also go to school. I do paperwork and also keep in touch with customers by email and telephone. I don't usually work overtime. My boss and my colleagues are nice and the working conditions are good. My salary is O.K. too. I have a lunch break from 12 to 12.30. I have lunch in a small restaurant near the office. When I get home at 5.30, I relax a little, then I go for a walk, and have dinner with my family. After dinner, I watch films in English until 11 o'clock. Then I go to bed.

When I finish university, I will find a job as an engineer. In a few years' time I would like to start my own company. I would like to make a big company and I will be the big boss. It is not easy for a young person to choose a profession. Some people say you have to have a degree to get a good job, other people say that a good skilled worker can earn much more than someone working in an office. However, computer programmers can earn quite a lot. Therefore it is not easy to decide. Economist and lawyer are popular jobs but there are many unemployed lawyers so you also have to look at which jobs are in demand. A lot of computer experts, engineers and skilled workers are needed on the job market so if you choose one of these jobs, you will probably not be unemployed. There are big differences in salary between the jobs. The worst jobs will earn you the minimal salary. With the best jobs you can earn well over a million forints a month. Of course, the best job is to be a politician or it is enough to be a politician's friend. Politicians make the laws but surprisingly, it seems the law doesn't apply to some (very few) politicians—the majority are very honest ☺. Some (not many) politicians ignore the laws, so sometimes (although extremely rarely) they unashamedly steal as much from the country's money as they can. And that is the best salary.

In a workplace, if you work well, sometimes you get promoted. It means you get into a higher position.

Unfortunately, there can be problems at the workplace too. Sometimes the colleagues are not nice to you, sometimes the boss is crazy. Unfortunately, if you are a sociopath or a psychopath it is more likely that you will be a boss. And the many psychopath and sociopath bosses make the lives of the employees hell. So you have to be lucky to find a nice boss. If you want to find a job, first you have to make a good CV (Curriculum Vitae), which includes your education and work experience. You also have to write a nice covering letter in which you write down why you want the job and why you think you are the best for the job.

There are many unemployed people not just in Hungary but all over the world.
In Hungary, some unemployed people are offered “community work” but it pays very little money (well under the minimal wage) so it cannot be considered a “job”.
Unemployment causes a lot of social problems too, for example it is connected to crime.
People who can't get a job and don't have money can easily turn to crime.