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**1** READING A window on my life

## South Sydney High School Magazine

**A** Hi, I'm Paul, I'm 25 years old and I used to be a student at this school, just like you are now. Riley and Olivia asked me to give you a window on my life and write something about my career as a photographer. I'm very happy to do it!



**B** It all started when I was fifteen and won a photo competition with one of my Sydney photos. I've always taken lots of photos – photos of my family, birthday parties, holidays, all kinds of photos really. But what I loved most was walking around Sydney and taking pictures of my favourite spots. What a happy day it was when one of my photos was in a big Australian photo magazine! I won a camera which allowed me to take better quality photos.

**C** When I finished school I thought about becoming a professional photographer. To turn my hobby into a job – what an exciting idea! But would I make enough money to live on? After discussing with my parents, friends and with the job centre people, I finally decided to play it safe and get a bread-and-butter job in a bank.

**D** Of course I kept taking photos, and I started focusing on two topics: my hometown Sydney and travel. Every year I made calendars with my best photos for friends and family. Some of them liked their calendars so much, they bought copies as

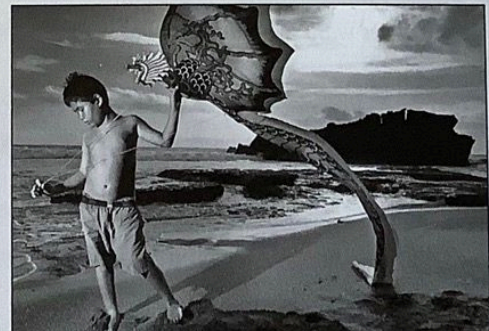
presents for their friends. It's not that I didn't like my job at the bank, but I started thinking again about becoming a professional photographer. But how? Surely I couldn't live off the calendars that I sold once a year. So I kept working at the bank, I kept taking photographs and I kept thinking about my dream.

**E** One day I started selling my photos on the internet. There are millions of photos on the internet that you can buy and download, so I didn't expect much. But one photo that I had taken on a trip to Bali really stood out – it became my first real success. I didn't become a millionaire, but one of my photos earned me money! So that year I made my new calendar with my Bali photos and sent a copy to a few calendar businesses. Most of them weren't interested, but suddenly – there it was: an offer for a photo project about Sydney, my hometown. What luck! That was three years ago and the beginning of my professional career. I kept working at the bank and did the photo projects too.

**F** Working two jobs at the same time was challenging. But my photos were successful, so one year ago I took the risk and gave up my job at the bank to become a professional photographer. It's definitely not an easy job. I had to learn how to manage my own business. I would advise everybody who's thinking of having his or her own business to do the same thing – it's important. Anyway – today I have my own business and I'm proud of it.



*Sydney Harbour Bridge*



*A beach in Bali*



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a) Read the text and answer the questions.

1 Why did Riley and Olivia choose Paul for the article?

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2 Why didn't Paul become a photographer as soon as he left school?

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3 What fact shows that his calendars were very successful?

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4 What helped Paul with his dream of becoming a professional photographer? (two facts)

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5 What's important when you become a professional and have your own business?

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b) Read the text again. Then underline the best heading for each paragraph.

Ⓐ Why I became a photographer / About me / My life as a student at South Sydney High

Ⓑ First steps / Favourite places in Sydney / Why I won the competition

Ⓒ My parents say "no" / My job at the bank / A difficult decision

Ⓓ Successful calendars / Nice friends / Living on very little money

Ⓔ My trip to Bali / Millions of photos! / First job as a photographer

Ⓕ How to run a business / Making a dream come true / Working two jobs

Du hast  von 18 Punkten erreicht (bestanden bei 14 Punkten).



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Lösungen : Reading (9M)

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a) Lösungsvorschlag: (12 P)

1 (2 P für einen der beiden folgenden Gründe:)

- Because he was / used to be a student at their school.
- Because he has made his dream come true. / Because he has an interesting job. / Because he's a professional photographer. / ...

2 Because he wasn't sure if he would make enough money. / Because he wanted to have a safe job. / ... (2 P)

3 (2 P für einen der beiden folgenden Fakten:)

- His friends and family ordered/bought copies (as presents) for their friends.
- A calendar business offered him a project. / He got an offer for a photo project from a calendar business. / A calendar business offered him a photo project about Sydney. / ...

4 (je 2 P für zwei verschiedene der folgenden Fakten:)

- He won a photo competition.
- He won a photo camera that allowed him to take better quality photos.
- One of his photos was successful / was a success on the internet. / He sold photos on the internet.
- He sent his calendars to different / many / a few calendar businesses.
- He was offered a photo project by a calendar business. / He got an offer for a photo project from a calendar business. / A calendar business offered him a photo project about Sydney. / ...

5 To learn how to manage/run a business. (2 P)

b) (6 P)

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