



## LISTENING

### Exercise 1

Listen to this trainee lawyer speaking about his experience of working for a major law firm in London. Some words are missing from the text. Listen carefully and write the missing words in the box below.

'My name is Rob Jones and I'm a trainee with a law firm. I've always wanted to be a (a) \_\_\_\_\_ and I can't imagine doing any other job. I started working here at Taylor Wallis a year ago. Taylor Wallis is a global law firm with its headquarters in the City of London. I studied law at Manchester University but I wanted to do my training contract in London because I'm interested in (b) \_\_\_\_\_ law and banking and I think the best positions with the top law firms are here. I think my parents were disappointed that I didn't become a (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and work in chambers and wear a wig in court, but I wasn't interested in that at all!

With this law firm the two-year training contract is divided into four periods. Each six-month period is called a 'seat'. My first seat was in the (d) \_\_\_\_\_ department. That really just means dealing with companies and businesses. I was involved in meeting clients, (e) \_\_\_\_\_ documents and took part in some very high value deals. Of course, I had lots of support from the experienced people working on my team (we call them the principals) but I was surprised at how much responsibility they gave me.

My second seat was in the property department. This involved (f) \_\_\_\_\_ for clients who were buying and selling domestic and commercial property, much of it office buildings here in London. I was able to get some experience of (g) \_\_\_\_\_ as well as a little landlord and (h) \_\_\_\_\_ law when we dealt with rentals.

Next I will be moving into the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ property department. I'm really pleased about that as it covers quite a few different areas of law and can involve famous clients. At the moment the department is dealing with a breach of copyright case for a famous musician.

I hope to stay with Taylor Wallis when I (j) \_\_\_\_\_ as a lawyer next year. In fact, I'm looking forward to being based in London for most of my legal career.'

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