

Reminder

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We use the past simple when we're referring to a definite time in the past.

*I **worked** for a charity in Tanzania for nine months in 2007.*

We use the present perfect when we're referring to an indefinite time in the past.

*I've **worked** for three different non-profit organizations.*

Reading: Volunteering jobs

1 Answer these questions.

- 1 Have you ever done any volunteer work in your local community? What?
- 2 Do you know anyone who has done volunteering work in another country? What did they do and did they enjoy it?

2 Work in pairs. You've decided to give up your jobs and spend a year or two working for a much smaller salary doing charitable work abroad. Read these job ads with your partner. Which job appeals to you most, and why?

3 Look at each job again and think about the skills people need to have to do them well. Make notes in the table.

	Skills needed	Personal qualities needed
Job 1	good communication skills, good motivator, ...	sociable and friendly, ...
Job 2		
Job 3		
Job 4		

4 Look at the skills and qualities in exercise 3. Which ones do you have?

5 Work in pairs. Find out what skills your partner has and learn more about what they have done. Use the questions in the table below and any other questions about work or study experience you would like to ask.

Can you give me an example of ... Tell me about ... Describe ...	a project you've planned? a team you've worked in? a presentation you've given?
What problems have you had ... What problems did you have ...	and how did you deal with them?

Volunteer pathway

Join our team of dedicated volunteers and help to make the world a better place.



Use your love of sports to educate and inspire children in Africa. Sports organizers are urgently needed by schools in Ghana, Benin and Cameroon to coach and organize regional sporting events. Volunteers should have good communication skills, be fit and healthy, and enjoy working with children.



Join an international team of researchers from 28 countries and help to save the whale. Use your IT skills to compile and share research data via the web. You will be based in Salvador, Brazil, but you will also spend days at sea observing and collecting data on whale behaviour.