



Unit 2 Welcome to vocational school

Task 05

Announcer: Listen to May describe her experience as a student intern in New York.

Chuck: Hi May, I'm doing a report for our school radio station. Could I ask you a few questions about your life as a tenth grade student here at the High School of Art and Design in New York City? I'm interviewing sophomores about their experiences as student interns.

May: Sure Chuck, I'd love to do an interview.

Chuck: Ok, so my first question is ... how is our school different from other high schools?

May: Well ... one thing that stands out is that our school is in New York City! Art and Design is a career and technical high school. That means that while we attend high school, we also get to major in a field that we might want to follow as a future career path. My major is fashion, which means I take fashion design classes and intern at a fashion company part time. We get real work experience through internships.

Chuck: How is that different from a normal American high school experience?

May: Most high school students have to take academic classes like math, science, English, social studies or history and two years of a foreign language, too. You can take elective classes as well as after-school sports. At my school, we do the regular classes required to graduate high school, but we also get to take more classes about something that really interests us, like fashion design for me, and that's called our major. Our schedule has to be flexible, so we can get job experience in our major during our regular high school education.

Chuck: Where are you interning right now?

May: Right now, my class interns at Blushing, a lingerie company in Brooklyn. I learned all about cutting and sewing underwear. I've even operated the cutting machine, which requires a steady hand and concentration. We're making a small collection for the Senior Fashion Show.

Chuck: Do you get paid at your internship?

May: No, it's all about experience.

Chuck: So what's next for you?

May: In the really long term, I'd love to study fashion at a good design university.

Chuck: That would be awesome, May! Thanks for talking about your life as a student here at Art and Design High!

May: It was cool talking with you, Chuck. I had fun doing this interview!