



## Careers

The experience of childhood has changed over time and the RESP archive includes recorded memories of childhood from people from age 7 up to over 100. We can learn about how life has changed by listening to people's recollections of the jobs they used to do.

Here's a surprising fact: before the 1960s, it was common for children to begin their working lives at 14 years old. They might be going into an apprenticeship, working in a factory, or, like Charlie Horne – who we'll learn about in this activity sheet – embarking on a life at sea.

Listen to the clip of Charlie talking about his first job. Listen very carefully and see if you can answer the questions below. (Write your answers in the space below each question.)

- What age was Charlie when he went down to see his uncle Jock?
- What items did Charlie get from Weatherhead's?
- What was Charlie's first job on the boat?
- What kind of fish does Charlie talk about cooking?

### **TASK:**

Think about interviewing a grandparent, parent or even a teacher about their own careers. You could ask them what jobs they wanted to do when they were still at school and find out what they ended up doing. Write a few lines below telling us what you learned.

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**TASK:**

What would be your ideal job or place to work? Maybe you'd like to be a teacher and work in a classroom, or maybe you'd like to be a geologist and climb mountains to look at rock formations? Use the space below to draw an image of your dream job.

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**Find out more:**

If you would like to listen to some more interviews, why not search the RESP website to find out more about careers or other subjects that interest you. HINT try using the search box to search for things like work, workplace, or childhood.

If you would like to hear more from Charlie you can listen to the rest of the interview by searching the name Charlie Horne and finding the page dedicated to him. (Search Charlie Horne and then look for the item 'Interviews of Charlie Horne' and click on this.)

There are a lot of interviews to listen to on the RESP website and if you are not sure where to start or what to look for the secret is to just start looking and see what catches your interest. There are also other worksheets you can try on the Kids Only page that might give you some ideas.