**Staying quiet cost me**

* **Words and expressions:**

1. **review**

**I got a great one-month review and my boss asked if I was interested in staying with the company after graduation.**

1. **check my real self**

**I checked my real self at my office door.**

1. **make enough of an effort**

**“But you haven’t made enough of an effort to join the team…”**

1. **let your guard down**

**“That won’t work long term, and if I could give you one piece of advice, it would be to let your guard down.”**

1. **take a chance on me**

**They knew when they hired me that I had no experience in finance reporting, yet they took a chance on me.**

1. **expertise**

**In trying to earn a full time job, I “leaned back” in order to not show too much of myself or my lack of expertise.**

1. **the hard way**

**I learned the hard way that it isn’t the way to achieve your goals.**

* **What does “it” refer to in the following sentences?**

1. **The meeting was going well until he told me that despite the great work. I had produced, the team had held a meeting and decided,” We don’t think it’s the right fit.”**
2. **I couldn’t believe that performing well at my job wasn’t enough to keep it.**
3. **In trying to earn a full time job, I “leaned back” in order to not show too much of myself or my lack of expertise.** **I learned the hard way that it isn’t the way to achieve your goals.**