

## How do I get a real job?

### *Scene 1 Background diffuse or white*

Speaker:

Hello, this is Jean. He's just finished special school. Now he is thinking about what he could do from now on.

**JEAN: male, facing the audience, speaking:**

I want to work properly.

I want to earn my own money.

I might want to live on my own.

The others say: You can't do that at all.

It's too hard for you.

What should I do?

**MARIE appears**

Speaker:

This is Marie, she is Jean's older sister and she is studying in Brussels.

**MARIE turns to JEAN:**

Then go to the DSL.

They'll tell you if you can make it

JEAN: What's this about?

MARIE: The Service for self-determined Living, they can help you.

JEAN: Where is the service located?

MARIE: They have offices in Eupen and St. Vith.

*Scene 2 : Background: Office building with "Service for Self-Determined Living" above it.*

Speaker:

Jean has an appointment today with Mrs Radermacher (woman with glasses) from the Service for Self-Determined Living. Marie accompanies him

*Jean and Marie are sitting in front of Mrs. Radermacher's. (at a desk)*

Mrs RADERMACHER: Hello Jean, why do you come to see me today? What is your concern?

JEAN: I want to find a real job in a company. But the others say I can't.

Marie advised me to ask you.

Mrs RADERMACHER: I think I can help you. But first you have to answer some questions for me.. I hope you can take some time

Let's start:

What do you like to do?

What are you really good at?

Can you read, write, do arithmetic?

*The voice fades.*

Speaker: After two hours Jean has answered all the questions.

Now Mrs Radermacher asks Marie: Tell us about your brother. What does he like, what does he not like to do.

MARIE: Jean is terribly tidy, unlike me. He always tidies everything up. You can't leave anything lying around. He'll put it away straight away.

JEAN: Yes, that's right, I like tidying up.

Mrs RADERMACHER: So now I've got everything together. I'll make a report now and then we will make another appointment to discuss the result.

*Scene 3: Same background, Jean and Marie are sitting in front of Mrs Radermacher's desk.*

Speaker: Two weeks later

JEAN: Hello Mrs Radermacher!

Mrs RADERMACHER: Hello Jean, hello Marie.

MARIE: Good afternoon.

Mrs RADERMACHER: It's good to have you back. I've finished the report.

*Mrs Radermacher hands Jean a folder.*

Mrs RADERMACHER: This is for you.

JEAN: Thank you, can you tell me what's in it?

Mrs RADERMACHER: Yes, but it's just for you, you can read it at home in peace.

JEAN: You know, I can't read that well, can Marie read it to me?

Mrs RADERMACHER: Yes, of course, you take the decision. You don't have to show it to anyone if you don't like it. It is very personal.

JEAN: It doesn't matter. What work can I do now?

Mrs RADERMACHER: You are very tidy and also punctual, that's very important. Unfortunately, reading is not so good, you have to practise a bit more.

You like being with people, talking to them. You are talented with your hands.

I was wondering if you would like to work in the Mini Market at the station. It's the corner shop that sells groceries and magazines and sandwiches. They are looking for someone to stock the shelves. Can you see yourself doing that?

JEAN: Yes, I would like to. I'm good at stocking and sorting. Whether I want to talk to people, I don't know yet, perhaps later.

Mrs RADERMACHER: Well, you can think about it. You can do an internship for three months first. Then we will see if it works with you and Mr Cormann, he is the owner of the Mini Market.

You'll also get money, 186 euros a month.

If you need more time to settle in, you can also do an apprenticeship. It takes longer and you get more money.

JEAN: I think I'll do the internship first. A real apprenticeship is too hard.

#### *Scene 4: Background: Shelves with food*

Speaker:

Jean has been at the Mini Markt for two months now. Mr Cormann asks him how things are going.

Mr Cormann: (young man with glasses) Well, Jean, it looks great. Are you getting along? Can you read everything well?

JEAN: Yes, Mr Cormann. It all works really well. I wasn't worried about the work in general, but I was a bit afraid of the people. Reading is already going much better. I know now why it is important to learn it. Yesterday a customer asked me where the cream was and I just told her, it was very easy.

Mr CORMANN: That's great. I also think we get along very well. If you want, you can work here for good after the internship. You will also get a real salary, which is much more than before.

JEAN: (cheers), that's great, thank you Mr Cormann.