



LABOUR DAY

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A Short History of Labour Day

Labour Day is a day that commemorates the historic struggles and achievements made by workers and the labour movement. Around the world, this annual celebration is also referred to as International Workers' Day or May Day. In some countries, however, 'May Day' also refers to a traditional celebration of the coming of spring.

This day is celebrated in many countries on 1 May. It is also a national celebration of the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of their country.

In 1889 an international federation of socialist groups and trade unions designated the 1st of May as a day in support of workers and especially in commemoration of the Haymarket Riot in Chicago in 1886. On that occasion, a bomb went off at a demonstration in Chicago's Haymarket Square in support of an eight-hour workday and against police killings of protesters. The authorities opened fire in response. Seven officers and four protesters were killed.

Five years later, in 1894, U.S. President Grover Cleveland signed legislation to make Labour Day ('Labor' in American English) the official U.S. holiday in honour of workers. Canada did the same not long afterward.

In Europe 1 May was historically associated with rural pagan festivals, but the modern association with the labour movement gradually replaced this original meaning of the day. In the Soviet Union, the new holiday was embraced by leaders as they believed it would encourage workers in Europe and the United States to unite against capitalism. The day became an important holiday in the Soviet Union and in the Eastern-bloc countries, with grand parades. In Germany Labour Day became an official holiday in 1933 after the rise of the Nazi Party. However, Germany abolished free unions the day after establishing the holiday and virtually destroyed the German labour movement. With the breakup of the Soviet Union and the fall of communist governments in Eastern Europe in the late 20th century, large-scale May Day celebrations in that region became less important. Now, in a lot of countries around the world, however, May Day has been recognized as a **public holiday** and it is still celebrated with picnics and parties. It also serves as the occasion for demonstrations and rallies in support of workers.

WORKING MEN ON PARADE.

AN ORDERLY LABOR DEMONSTRATION.—TEN THOUSAND MEN IN LINE.

The parade of the working men yesterday, although not so large as its organizers had predicted, was conducted in an orderly and pleasant manner. Those who rode or marched in the procession were cheerful, and evidently satisfied with the display. Nearly all were in uniform, and some wore attire of fashionable dress. A great majority smoked cigars, and all upon having a good time at the picnic. The organizers of the labor demonstration

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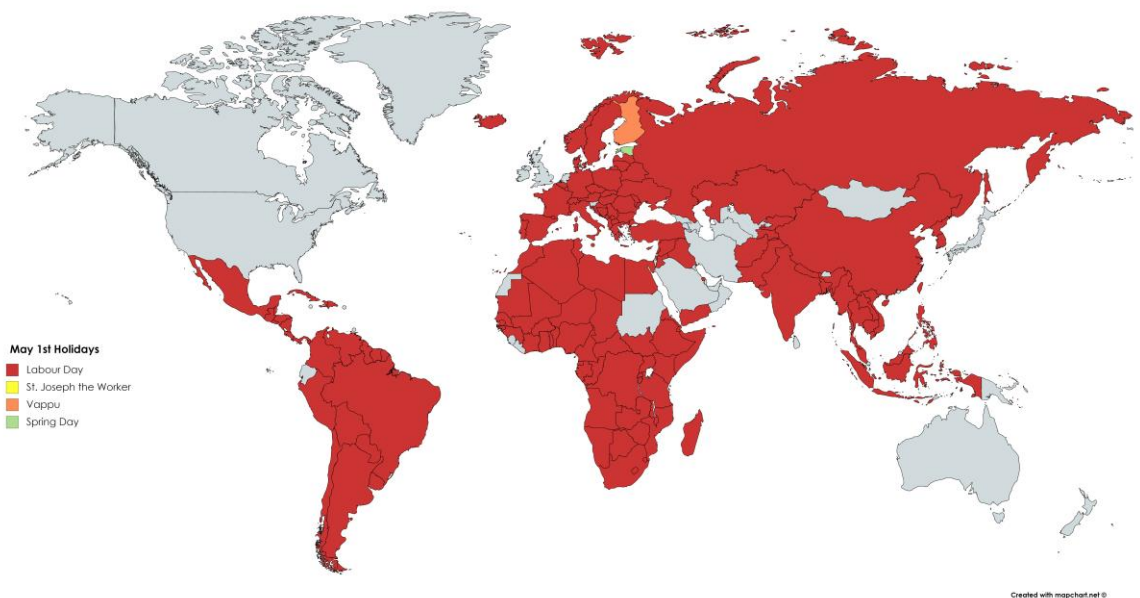


Labour Day... globally

How is Labour Day celebrated all around the world?

In the following pages you will find an overview of how people celebrate this day in some countries of the world.

Labour Day is the most celebrated holiday around the world. It is mostly celebrated on 1 May, but not everywhere. Indeed, in the USA, for example, it is celebrated in September.



An overview of the countries which have holidays on 1 May 2019. The countries in red celebrate Labour Day on that date.

In the UK

In the UK 'May Day' is not directly linked to the celebration of the fight for workers' rights. It is, instead, a traditional springtime festival. It is celebrated on the first Monday of May, so 1 May is not a national holiday in the UK. Traditional English May Day rites and celebrations include crowning a May Queen and dancing around a Maypole.

On 1 May, however, there are also rallies and marches through central London to celebrate labourers and the working classes.

In the USA

Labour Day ('Labor' in American English) is celebrated all over the USA with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks and other public gatherings. The day, which is celebrated on the first Monday in September, reminds Americans of the importance of workers' rights and rightfully offers them a day of rest. Here are some of the events taking place on that day:

❖ **NYC Labor Day Parade:** the **Labor Day Parade** is an annual celebration held on American Labor Day in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, in New York City.

❖ **Chicago Jazz festival:** it is a popular and well-known four-day free celebration of jazz now based in Millennium Park located in the Loop area of downtown Chicago. It is run by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and programmed with the assistance of the Jazz Institute of Chicago during Labor Day weekend. It includes the performances of both world-famous and local artists, who play a wide variety of jazz music.

❖ **Denver food festival "Taste of Colorado".**

There are still a lot of people who turn up to listen to Labor Day speeches and attend parades, but the purpose of the holiday has quite changed. In fact, it is now usually viewed as the last cheer of summer, which is not necessarily negative. Just having the last summer party is particularly important in a nation where people work more hours and take fewer holidays than other Western nations. Labor Day may not be a day when people actively celebrate and honour workers, but it surely gives working people a break they need.

In Australia

Labour Day is a public holiday in all states and territories in Australia, but it is celebrated on different days (for example, in Western Australia on the first Monday in March, on the first Monday of October in Queensland, New South Wales, and South Australia). Queensland observed Labour Day on the first Monday in May until 2012 and switched back to this in 2016.

During this holiday government offices, post offices, schools and many businesses are closed. The history of Labour Day in Australia spans over a century. It is an important annual event that remembers those who fought to make sure people had decent and fair working conditions in Australia. In the 19th century the working day was long and hard, as some employees would work up to 12 hours a day, six days a week. Since 1948, Labour Day in Western Australia has been observed on the first Monday in March. It marks the granting of the eight-hour working day to Western Australians.

In New Zealand

Labour Day is a public holiday in New Zealand, so many workers there take the time to relax and enjoy themselves. It is celebrated on a Monday, so some people make the most of the long weekend by going on short trips out of town. Schools, government offices, and many businesses are closed. The first official Labour Day public holiday in New Zealand was celebrated on the second Wednesday in October in 1900. The holiday was moved to the fourth Monday of October in 1910 and has remained on this date since then.

In Germany

In Germany Labour Day was declared an official holiday during the Nazi regime in 1933. It was the symbol of the new unity between the state and the working classes. It is strange because in Italy, where there was another dictatorial regime, this celebration was deleted. Ironically, the following day all free unions were destroyed and outlawed. Any separate celebration by communists, social democrats or labour unions was banned.

Since 1987, May Day has also become known for riots in some districts of Berlin. The protesters began tipping over police cars and violently resisted arrest. They began building barricades after the police withdrew due to the unforeseen resistance. May Day violence flared again in 2010. Apart from the sad events, May Day in Germany is also a special day, because it is a public holiday in all the German states, and it is also an occasion to celebrate workers and all the workers unions parade in an evocative parade.



In Greece

Labour Day or May Day is a national day when people celebrate the achievements of workers, in particular the privilege of eight hours to work, eight hours for recreation and eight hours to rest. On this day every shop is closed except for restaurants and cafés.

One special thing about May Day in Greece is that it also marks the beginning of hotter weather in Greece and the Greek islands.

Since May Day corresponds with the flower season and the celebration of nature and spring, flower shows and festivals are common, so people traditionally spend this day going to the countryside, having picnics and relaxing, taking part in events and enjoying the sunny weather.

In South America

Not all countries celebrate Labour Day in South America, but some of them do, for example Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, Argentina and Venezuela. Usually celebrations are like ours, but this year in Venezuela it was very different: following the military rebel group headed by the leader Guaido, a lot of opponents to the government of president Maduro went in the streets to protest against his regime. When the protest became violent, the situation needed the intervention of the police that kept the people away with the tear gas, but then they opened fire on the protesters. Sixty-nine people were injured and four died. There were also events pro-Maduro, but obviously there were no actions by the police.

In Japan

On 1 May, unions all over Japan celebrate May Day, the international day for workers, but this day is not recognized as a national holiday. However, it is a day off work for the majority of Japanese workers as it falls within 'Golden Week', a period that includes four public holidays.

In Japan workers and labour are especially celebrated on 23 November, which is 'Labour Thanksgiving Day'. On this day children prepare cards or gifts to give to police officers, hospital staff or other workers to show their appreciation for the contribution they give to the country with their work. Families usually go to the mountains to enjoy the holiday and at dinner they eat together.

In China

The International Workers' Day is actually three days long in China. The days other than 1 May change every year and are not statutory holidays. This means that they have to be “made up” by working either the preceding or following weekend. During Labour Day, travel volume increases and dense crowds of visitors can be expected. China's main tourist destinations are frequently visited by both Chinese citizens and foreigners.

Because of the warm climate during May in most of China, many people decide to enjoy outside activities in natural areas, but a lot of people also go to theatres and shows that are performed in cities.

The Chinese government approves huge discounts in shops across the country in order to stimulate the economy. This also allows people to buy electronics, clothing, and other products at low prices. So shopping has become a favourite Labour Day activity in China.

There are no special foods or cultural customs on the International Workers' Day. Thanks to restaurants and street vendors people can enjoy a good meal without worrying about cooking or work.

Labour Day...locally *Photos*

*The following photos were taken
by some of us on 1 May 2019.
They show some places on that
particular day or some aspects
we chose as representantive of
the day.*



On the 1st of May I went to Vigevano's Ducal square with my father. In the square the restaurants and bars were crowded and some people were walking. They were all enjoying the day of holiday.

Karin



I took this picture on the 1st of May near home. It shows a building site that is empty because people usually celebrate Labour Day staying at home from work. I chose this subject for my picture because I think it perfectly represents the idea behind this celebration.

Martina



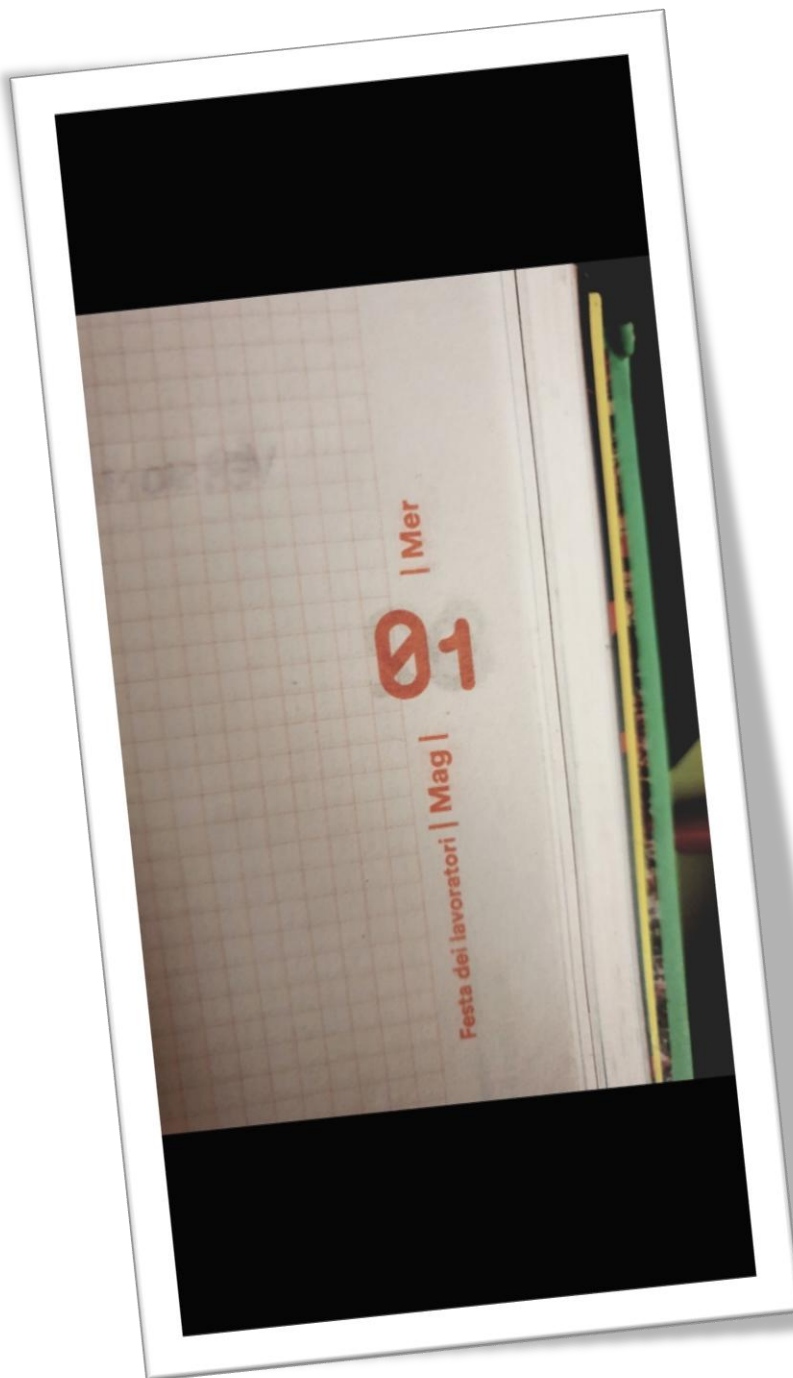
The photo I took on the 1st of May shows a notice of a bags shop saying that the shop was closed on that day. This picture represents Labour Day because the fact that shops were closed is connected with a festive day.

Cristina



I took this photo in the Ducal Square under the arches, in particular in front of the Feltrinelli bookshop. I took this photo on the 1st of May, It shows a notice that informs the customers that the shop remains open on that public holiday.

Francesco



I took this photo on the 1st of May, which is Labour Day. I was at home because I couldn't go out that day, so I decided to photograph my school diary on the page of the 1st of May.

Sara



During the Workers' Day I decided to take a picture of my sister. For her work, she helps other students to understand better maths. I took this photo during her explanation, and it was taken in my house, in particular in the "computer room", a quiet place where there is a computer and a quite big whiteboard.

Aurora



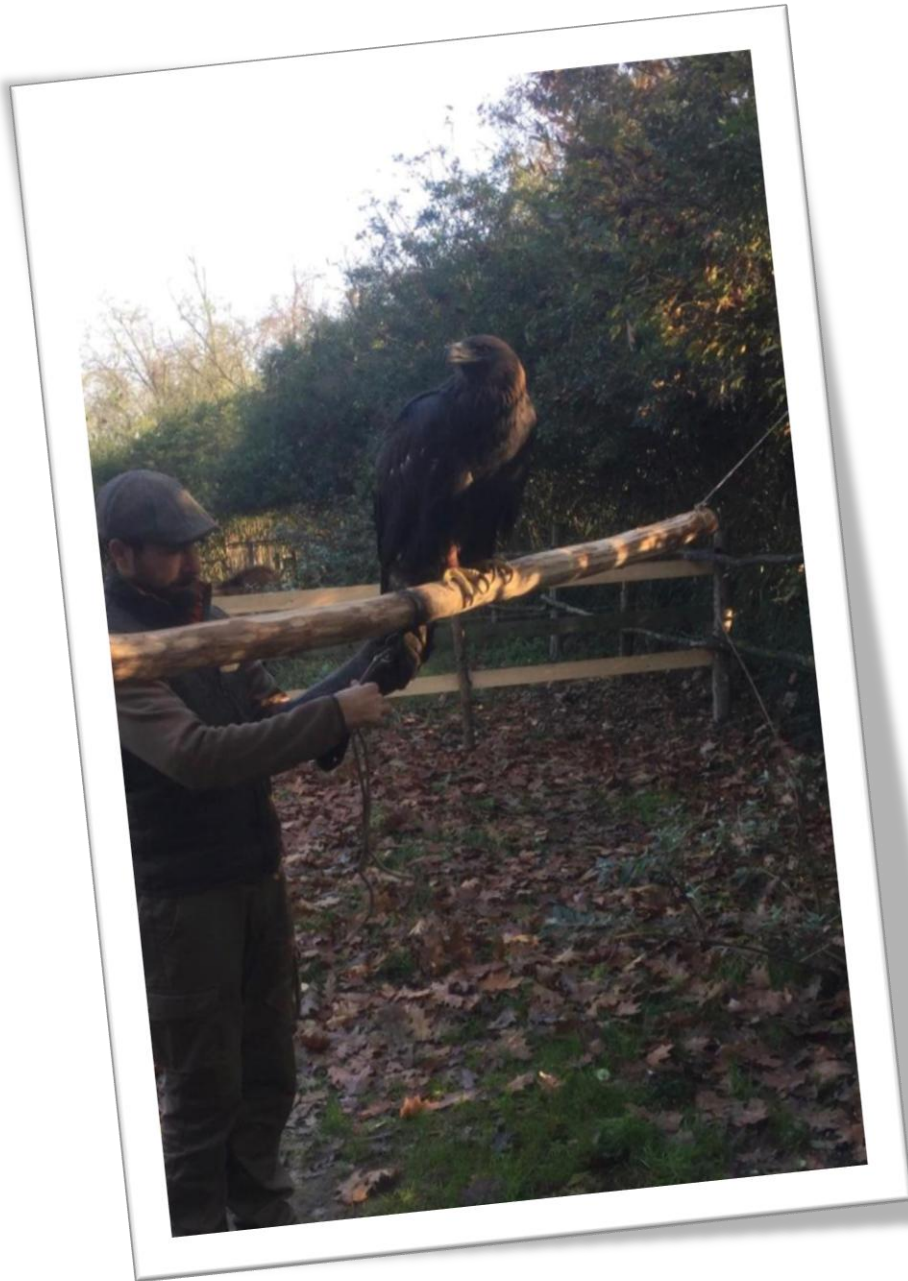
In the picture I took you can see a deserted square. It is located in Rometta, a tiny town in the Sicilian outback. On the right it is possible to see the town hall which is closed. The closed town hall and the deserted square are the symbols of a typical Labour Day because people are resting away from their job and from the busy city life during a sunny day.

Alessandro



In this picture I took from my computer we can see the screen of the Google website on 1 May 2019. We know that Google changes its logo almost every day, and for this important event they used a doodle containing references to different jobs (the chef, the builder and the farmer) to create the word GOOGLE. We can also see some tools used in those jobs, like a brush, a hammer and a rolling pin.

Michele



I took this picture during the Workers' Day. I went to the oasis 'San Francesco' where a friend of mine works. The photo shows an eagle and the man near the eagle is a falconer. He's holding the eagle on a log. In the background, we can see the nature of this oasis.

Annita



This picture shows the empty car park of a supermarket in the town of Garlasco. There are no cars and the supermarket is closed, because it's the 1st of May!

Matilda



This photo shows the front side of a bank during the 1st of May. It was closed and the workers took a little holiday in order to stay with their own families or just to take some time for themselves.

Arianna



Interviews

Some interviews to our parents, relatives or friends about their job.

1.

I asked some questions to my Sicilian uncle, who is a doctor.

What do you love most about your job?

I love staying in contact with people, especially with patients who can't walk.

Have you ever thought about changing your job?

No, I haven't, because I'm interested in medicine and I love what I do.

Did you decide to become a doctor when you were a child?

No, I decided to become a doctor while I was attending high school, and precisely Liceo Classico.

Have you ever had any problems with people in your job?

Yes, unfortunately I have met some not collaborative patients.

Do you think that a doctor needs more rights?

More than rights, I think that the national healthcare system needs more money.

2.

Interview to a beekeeper

Why do you do this job?

Because I like being in contact with nature, because I love the perfection of bees society, because I love observing the flight that bees make to signal to the others the presence of nectar.

When did you start doing it?

I started doing it nine years ago, that is in 2010.

What are your favourite things about this job?

The thing I like most is to see how good a hive is when I check it.

Before 2009 had you ever thought of doing this job?

No, it was a sudden idea resulting from the need to end a too stressful life.

If you had to describe your work in few words, how would you describe it?

Fascinating, tiring, rewarding.

3.

An interview to my mum

What is your job?

I have a medical and safety work company.

What is a medical and safety work company?

It's a company that deals with controlling the health of workers. It also checks whether companies follow the rules of safety. We also do training courses.

What type of training courses?

I prepare workers to work safely.

Where do you work?

I work in Milan.

Why is your work important?

It's important because workers' health is protected by these controls.

4.

An interview to a doctor

What was your first impression of the world of work?

It was good. I've had the possibility to work in a welcoming context (the hospital in Voghera) where the working timetable was respected and well planned during the week.

What do you think about the context in which you work today?

The work is very well organized, but at the moment there's reduced staff because the old colleagues have retired, so the work is sometimes developed in an incomplete way.

What would you like to change in your working context?

I wish there were more doctors and there was more collaboration between doctors and nurses so that we could work in a better way.

Would you like to work abroad?

Not at the moment, because I'm too old, but if I were younger, I'd like to.

5.

I interviewed a teacher. She is my sister and she is at her first year of work!

Are you happy with your work? And why/why not?

Yes, I really like my job. I like in particular the contact with children. They make my days better with their smiles and make me feel important when they ask me some questions. I feel like I can be important for somebody and I can make the difference in their life.

Who do you teach to?

I teach to children of Years 1, 2 and 5 at the primary school. In particular, I'm a teacher's aide for Year 1 pupils.

Where and what do you teach?

I teach in the primary schools in Gambolò and in Tromello. I teach English, Italian, science and maths.

Do your children make you proud of them?

Yes, a lot. In particular because even children in greatest need have made progress during this year. This is what really makes me want to go on with this job.

What do you like most of your work?

I really like the contact with children and the power of listening and understanding, which are important resources for this job. I like the fact that I can leave my mark in their life and when they are adult maybe they will remember something I told them when they were younger and they will also remember me.

6.

Interview to my mother

What is your job?

I'm a campaign manager and a management consultant.

What does your job consist in?

It consists in supporting companies and start-ups in their fundraising process. I help companies and business people negotiate the conditions of potential equity investments and I manage equity crowdfunding. As a manager consultant I also support companies in finance and control projects.

Where do you work?

I travel a lot, mainly to Milan to meet customers. I have an office in the centre of Milan and when I'm not supposed to meet investors or companies, I usually work at my home-office.

Who do you deal with?

I mainly deal with companies, private investors, bankers, equity funds...

What communication tools do you use to work?

Of course I use my laptop. As I conduct remote meetings I use Skype and other platforms. To communicate with customers I use my phone a lot.

7.

Interview to an office worker... my mum

How did you choose this job?

When I had to choose the high school, accounting seemed to be the best choice because it gave more options to find a job and it was near home.

Do you think this job is stressful?

Yes I do. It's a very demanding job because every month there are deadlines to respect and some mistakes are punished with fines. Indeed, because of a mistake, people can pay more or less.

Do you like working with computers?

Yes, I do. Computers are an essential part because they allow me to be faster and to get the information I need very quickly, but sometimes they don't work and so it's impossible for me to do what I have to.

Do you often have to take part in updating courses?

Yes, I have to attend them every 6 months to keep up with the changes introduced by the government.

If you had the possibility to change your job, what job would you choose?

I think I would be an archaeologist because it is very interesting to find traces of the past and recreate history.

8.

My father's job

What is your job, dad?

I'm an architect, freelance. I have an office with other colleagues. Ours is a teamwork.

What do you like most about your work?

The most pleasant thing about my job is the creative part, when I have to translate the ideas into drawings. The greatest satisfaction is seeing the ideas come true.

How many hours do you work?

The job is very varied. There are some days when I work about twelve hours also on Saturday and Sunday and other less busy days.

Would you have wanted to do another job?

I would have liked to be a musician, my great passion. When I was young I played in a band for a long time and I dreamed to become famous like the bands I loved.

9.

What is your job?

I'm a consultant in private business investigations.

What do you have to do for your job?

I have to support the client before, during and after a business operation; for example, I collect information before the acquisition of a company.

Do you work alone or in a team?

There are some projects that I carry out alone and some in a team.

Is this the job you thought you would do?

No. I started studying law and after 13 years I joined the company as a part-time worker. I finally realised that it could be more than a temporary job.

What's your favourite thing in your work?

I like the fact that each situation is different from the other and this makes my job very interesting.

10.

What's your job about?

I produce boxes and cardboard packaging.

What do you love most about your job?

I like finding the solutions and the measures in order to get the most out of the raw material and reduce the waste as much as possible.

How many people work with you?

About one hundred and fifty.

What's your specific task?

I have to follow the production and to supervise the staff.

If it were possible, would you like to move abroad?

Yes, I wish I could go to Ireland.

Why have you decided to become a teacher?

I decided to become a teacher because I love teaching. I want to help students to find their place and teach them all they need to know to make the right decisions. I consider this my mission.

What do you like most about your job? What don't you like about it?

I enjoy teaching my subjects to my students in the best way. I can share my interests and enthusiasm with them. The great thing about my job is that you are every day in contact with young students that represent the future of the world. Teaching is very important and when you are successful, you have contributed to do something so valuable and meaningful. The disadvantages are that this job is underpaid with low consideration. Also, sometimes I have to work with students who don't listen to me and that can be annoying and stressful.

Do you ever look forward to the sound of the exit bell?

It depends. There are some times when I am dealing with interesting topics which I am passionate about, and in those moments I would like the bell never to ring so I could go on with the discussion.



How strong is the sense of belonging to the school and to the mission that it implies?

I feel a great responsibility on my shoulders: to teach my subjects as well as possible, because that will be useful to the students in the future.

If you could go back in time, would you choose to become a teacher again?

Yes, I would. I got passionate about my job. If I could go back, I wouldn't change it. I like working with students and teaching them the subjects I like most.

12.

Interview to my sister

During 1st May I interviewed my 18-year-old sister about her 'job': she helps some students with their homework.

What do you do in your job?

My job is to explain maths to some boys and girls younger than me.

Do you like it?

Yes, a lot, because I love maths.

Is it a difficult job?

Yes, sometimes it is, because in certain situations it is hard to make people understand some mathematical concepts.

When did you start this job?

I started 4 months ago, but last year I helped my cousin too.

Even though you work, can you dedicate to school too?

Yes, this job doesn't take much time, so I can study as well, although in some cases I have to delay my own homework.

13.

I did an interview with Luca, who is a falconer, because I think that his job is interesting but not very well known.

I don't think yours is a common job, is it? And where do you do it?

No, it isn't in Italy. But it is more popular and practised for example in Spain, France, the Czech Republic and in England. I work in city events like the Palio, but today birds of prey are used for pest control, specially of pigeons.

Why did you choose this job?

I chose this job because since I was little I have loved animals and I wanted to study them to understand their character and their behaviour. Indeed the training allows these things, and for me it isn't only a job, it's my biggest passion.

What is the relationship between your animals and you like?

There is an intense friendship, the animal must have full confidence in its trainer. You can't force animals to do what you want, you have to make them understand what you want them to do, and to do this the animal must be very familiar with you.

Is it easy to train animals? How do raptors train?

No, it isn't, but obviously it depends on the animals. For example, technically speaking, birds of prey (like eagles) can't be trained, so it's necessary to let them fly free, creating a positive relationship and well-being for the animal. Training raptors takes a lot of time, there are some steps to follow to train these animals. The first thing to do is to gain the trust of the bird. However, you have to remember that food is the most important bond, because this is the only stimulus to which raptors respond.

How long have you been working at the oasis San Francesco?

I've been there for two years. It's a wonderful place to stay in contact with nature and there you can understand a lot of things about animals thanks to the guides.

What led you to become an apartment manager?

I was led by the pleasure of technical drawing and by the necessity to work and I saw this job as more similar to that of a manager than to a surveyor's job.

What did you study to do this job?

I studied at a technical institute for surveyors, but I didn't attend university.

What is the most freakish event that you remember?

During an assembly, I was talking about the fact that some joint owners had to change a boiler that cost heaps of liras and while we were talking about this thing, a man, who was about 80 years old and was in the front row, felt ill and died of a heart attack. The assembly was in the room of an oratory and because of the turmoil the priest arrived, but, instead of giving the man the extreme unction, he ran away. After that the ambulance arrived.

If you hadn't become an apartment manager, what job would you have chosen?

I loved becoming a footballer because, when I was younger, I used to get fairly good marks in geometry, but very good marks in football (usually 8 or 9). At school I was one of the worst, but on the football field I was one of the best.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of your job?

You can make good money, but the drawback is that I can't choose the clients.

My Dream Job

I still don't know what I'm going to do when I grow up, I have a lot of ideas, but I keep changing my mind almost every week, so it's a bit difficult for me to decide what my dream job might be, also because the jobs I'm interested in are not very common, and honestly I don't even know exactly what they are about.

However, I would love to work in the cinema industry, in the special effects unit or as a video editor. I'd like to add special effects to films using the greenscreen, in fantasy films such as *Avatar*, *Avengers* or *Harry Potter*. I would also enjoy to put the scenes of a film together, in order to create a smoother montage, which in some cases can also match the soundtrack. The video editor, then, works with the director, which I guess might be a very interesting experience.

Honestly, I don't have a "dream" job, because I am a little bit uncertain about my future plans and about my job career, but, if I were asked to choose a job, it would be the politician.

I think I have the right qualities to become a politician because people always say I can speak (Italian) very well especially in front of a public. Then I believe in politics and I think it could be great to become a spokesman of the people who have no voice.

Finally I know it is a well-paid job.

When I was little I wanted to be an astronaut, I loved planets and everything that had to do with space. At the age of 13 I changed my mind, I wanted to become a musician and also now I have this dream. I wanted to become an orchestra conductor. To do this job I think it is necessary to have a lot of patience and constancy in the study of this amazing art. I also think that coordinating an orchestra with its different instruments is a long and difficult mental work.

When I am an adult, I hope I'll be a soldier. That's my dream and it has been a dream since I was younger. I like everything about the army and everybody knows that a country needs soldiers to protect itself. The idea of a man wearing a uniform, who is loyal and proud and that could give his own life to defend his motherland is fantastic. I know that it could be very dangerous and I understand that not everyone wants to risk too much, but that's what I fancy.

My dream job is being a doctor and I hope my dream will come true. I have liked this job since I was a child, because I want to help people who are ill. I would like to make the difference in their life and help them become healthy, so they can enjoy their own life and maybe they can realize their dreams as I'm trying to do.

I really don't know what my dream job is because I have never seriously thought about my future and about who I want to become. Indeed I'm very uncertain and I often change my mind, but one of the jobs I have always loved and appreciated is the doctor: doctors help people making them feel better and are very, very important. I think I could be a good one because I'm sensitive, empathic and I always try to give my best.

I'm not sure of what I want to do in the future, but I would love to work as a marketing manager and an art director, because I'm creative and I like planning. These jobs consist in directing and planning, analyzing companies, creating and working on designs to produce advertising campaigns and other things.

Then I would also like to become a photographer or a filmmaker, because I love the cinema industry and taking pictures.

Actually I don't have a job of my dreams, because I haven't thought about it yet. But when I was a child I had a really big dream: I wanted to become an ice cream maker. Firstly, because I love ice cream, and then because the best thing I can do with ice cream, apart from eating it, is selling it.

My dream job is to become a doctor, in particular a neurosurgeon or a heart surgeon because I love the idea of being able to save people's life.

I think that brain surgery is really interesting and awesome because the brain is the most important part of the body, together with the heart, but it is also the only one that we don't know completely.

I would like to be a sport commentator for a living when I am older. I would like to do this job because I'm really into sports and I'm interested in sport facts. I have a very good memory, but I am afraid not good communication skills.

However, my mum advises me to become a teacher because I relate well with children, I'm patient, I know how to correct mistakes without offending or discouraging and I don't take things lightly.

I'd also enjoy to become a doctor because I have developed a particular sensitivity towards people who need medical treatment.

My dream is to become a professional footballer because I think that playing in front of lots of people in a stadium is fantastic. I love the Italian championship, which is probably the most competitive in Europe. I dream to play for A.C. Milan, the team I support, in San Siro stadium. I also like English football and I especially like Liverpool because it's an ancient, historical team in Europe. But I think I would be happy to play in other teams as well because I love this game.

I dream to write my name in the football history and to become the most important player in the world. I also dream to create my personal legend.

My dream job is becoming a teacher of history because I love history and I'd like to teach it. In particular, I'm passionate about Roman history and its protagonists, especially Julius Caesar. I'd like to transmit this passion of mine to my students and to teach them that the Roman culture was the best in the world.

In the future I'd love to become a plastic surgeon. I like the idea of making people like themselves. It doesn't mean that it is wrong to accept ourselves as we are, but some people just can't do it because they don't feel comfortable with their own bodies. If only I could do something for them, if only I could help them feel beautiful, certainly I would do that. I could change people's life forever doing this job and maybe one day they would look at themselves in the mirror and they would also remember me.

My dream job is being a writer, especially a novelist. Since I was a child many books have been read to me by my parents, and then I began to read them on my own. I always preferred fantasy books, because when I read them, in a way I started living another life and only the characters of which I read the stories existed, their emotions, their joys, their pains. I found extraordinary how the writer was able to lead the readers to identify with the characters. After reading a lot of books I wanted to try writing, and well... we can say that at the beginning I wasn't so good, because despite having some good ideas I always ended up trivializing the story. At that point I understood how difficult this job is. Some people think that the writer's job is simple and economically unrewarding, but behind a book there is a very long and exhausting work so nothing is as it seems.

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