

## CASE STUDY QUESTIONS

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I am currently employed as a trainee Civil Engineer Technician at the City of London Corporation. I never expected to end up training to be a civil engineer in the highways industry! It was never a plan for me but so far, I have really enjoyed the job and learning about the industry. I like the design aspect of my role and seeing my cad drawings become real life projects has not sunk in yet! I wanted to create a career for myself that offers me many options once I'm qualified.

I have always been quite creative and enjoy designing things. I try to use these interests to create opportunities for myself. I started my own graphic design business when I was seventeen and have since worked with clients to create logos, posters, brochures and more from initial concepts through to product design. In addition to this, I have run another business focusing on personalised gifts. I hope to develop this business so that I can make it my fulltime job next year. I am also in the process of purchasing a property to renovate. I'm looking forward to developing my knowledge of DIY and transforming a space into a home. Another interest I have, that always surprises people is when I tell them, is that I play rugby. I train with my local team which has helped me with both teamwork and communication. I support Harlequins and hope to go and see a few games next year.

In the last year, it has been challenging to adapt to working from home. I found the transition difficult to manage and felt very distracted whilst working. To overcome this challenge and keep me on track with my workload, I have committed to a schedule of 8-4 and make sure to always plan my days out in advance. I also incorporated to-do lists into my schedule, which is an easy way to keep track of tasks and satisfying to cross off when completed!

Although I am still in the early stages of my apprenticeship, I have enjoyed seeing my mathematical skills develop in the short time I've been here. I also obtained a distinction in my first assignment which has set the benchmark of the grades I want to achieve. If I could offer one piece of advice to LDE UTC learners it would be to develop your interpersonal skills - listen actively, contribute to conversations, and learn to work efficiently in groups. Following this advice will really help you in working life.

