

## Ben's Career

Look at the words in the box and put them in the correct spaces.

diploma	business	experience	rewiring
apprentice	builder	electrical	alarms
qualified	labourer	company	employs

Ben left school when he was sixteen and went to work with his father who was a \_\_\_\_\_. He worked as a general worker and \_\_\_\_\_ for one year and then he decided to learn a trade.

His father's friend had an \_\_\_\_\_ contracting business and he agreed to take Ben on as an \_\_\_\_\_. The name of the company was Sparks Electrical & Co Ltd. The company did all types of electrical work both commercial and domestic. Their work included house \_\_\_\_\_, fuse board installations and replacements, electric showers, fire and security \_\_\_\_\_ and computer and TV cabling. Ben got a wide range of \_\_\_\_\_ during his apprenticeship.

His training lasted four years and when he was twenty- one he was a \_\_\_\_\_ electrician. He went back to work in his father's business.

Ben's long term plan was to own his own \_\_\_\_\_. After four years Ben took night classes in Accounting and Business in Rathmines College. He did a two-year \_\_\_\_\_ course.

A year later Ben decided to take the big step and start his own \_\_\_\_\_. That was ten years ago. Now he \_\_\_\_\_ fifteen people, has six vans on the road and can't cope with all the work.

**Answer these questions about Ben's career.**

1. When did Ben start his own business?

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2. How old was he when he left school?

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3. What type of work did he do when he first went to work with his father?

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4. What was the name of the company who gave him an apprenticeship?

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5. How long was his apprenticeship?

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6. What sort of work did he learn during his training?

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7. Why do you think did he do a course in Rathmines College?

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8. How many people work for Ben now?

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**Write what you think these words and phrases mean.**

labourer

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commercial

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domestic

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computer and TV cabling

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installations replacements

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apprentice

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night classes

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can't cope

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