

**12** Read this paragraph about a student's first job. What is the topic?

- a. Working in a laboratory
- b. Getting my first job
- c. What my first job taught me

Learning Responsibility

<sup>1</sup> My first job was as a sales clerk in a small clothing store. <sup>2</sup> It wasn't a difficult job, and it wasn't really a very interesting job. <sup>3</sup> My best friend had a more exciting job. <sup>4</sup> Every weekend I had to open the store at 10:00 a.m. <sup>5</sup> I couldn't be late. <sup>6</sup> Now on weekends I like to sleep late. <sup>7</sup> I helped customers find clothes, and I kept the store neat and clean. <sup>8</sup> My parents' house was very clean, too. <sup>9</sup> I used the cash register and handled credit cards, so I had to be very careful. <sup>10</sup> These things all taught me responsibility. <sup>11</sup> Now I work in a research laboratory. <sup>12</sup> I don't work with clothing anymore, but I still use that important skill I learned in my first job.

**13** Cross out the sentences that are not connected to the topic.

**14** Which additional sentences could be connected to the paragraph? Write C (connected) or U (unconnected).

- a. .... I answered the phone and opened the mail.
- b. .... On weekdays I did my homework for school.
- c. .... I once worked delivering pizza, too.
- d. .... I learned how to choose and order new clothing.
- e. .... Dressing neatly and professionally was an important part of the job.
- f. .... A lab assistant is a good job for me.
- g. .... In the future, I would like to take some business trips.