



Worksheet A

1 Work in pairs and put the story in the correct order.

- A** She listened while he explained the secret. At first it was so simple, she couldn't believe it and _____ – maybe this old man was mad and she should leave.
- B** One day, an elderly man stopped and talked to her. He had a kind face, and gave her some food and money. He explained that he had once been homeless, cold and hungry, just like her, but he _____ someone had given him. Now he was living a comfortable life and had his own house.
- C** One day, a woman who worked for a well-known design company visited the market, and noticed Mia's designs. She fell in love with Mia's unique style, and offered her a top design job. Mia proved to be an instant success, and the woman was glad she'd _____ by hiring Mia.
- D** She went back to the streets, but this time with hope burning in her heart. Her idea was to create jewellery and ornaments from the things she found on the street. She collected normal, everyday things which most people threw away, and turned them into objects of beauty. Soon, she began selling these in the local market. She experienced a few _____, but she remembered the man's secret and never gave up.
- E** He promised to show her his secret, but said she would need to listen carefully – she would be _____.
- F** Mia was alone, homeless and sad. She'd lost her parents when she was young, run away and was living on the cold, unwelcoming streets. The _____ people who passed her every day were cruel, and they all had the same _____ about homeless people.

2 Use the phrases below in the correct form to complete the gaps in Student B's parts of the story.

have a profound effect on learn the ropes
 a convincing argument trust your instincts
 challenge the stereotypes keep an open mind
 from a new perspective

Worksheet B

1 Work in pairs and put the story in the correct order.

- G** His words _____ her, and she just wanted to know more.
- H** And so Mia became successful, and lived the life she'd always wanted. One day, she was walking along the dark, cold streets, when she saw a young, homeless man, looking lonely and tired. She sat down and said; 'Let me tell you a secret.'
 What was that secret?
 Always _____.
- I** But the old man insisted she _____, and so she went on listening. He made such _____ that eventually she began to believe him.
- J** They said she was lazy, and should find a job. It was hard to _____ people had, when the city offered almost no opportunities to work for someone sleeping rough.
- K** Mia enjoyed the work, even though she didn't make much money. Eventually, she had enough to rent a small apartment and began to see life _____.
- L** They went back to his house, and he poured hot soup into a bowl for her. They talked about many things, then he described his experience to her. He described how he had worked selling newspapers on the street, but because of a secret he had been told, he _____ quickly, and soon moved up to run his own newspaper. He then revealed the secret to her.

2 Use the phrases below in the correct form to complete the gaps in Student A's parts of the story.

on a steep learning curve preconceptions
 have second thoughts go with her gut feeling
 narrow-minded setbacks
 take advantage of an opportunity