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**Don't say**: "I have some experiences working as a receptionist." **Say**: "I have some experience working as a receptionist."

We use **experience** in singular when we talk about knowledge or skill that you gain from doing a job. Whereas we use **experiences** when talking about situations that happen to you or affect you.

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#### **SUMMER JOB**

P – Patricia, E - Elisabeth

P: Hi Elisabeth, how was your summer?

E: Hi Patricia, thanks. My summer was pretty busy and enjoyable.

P: Were you on holiday all summer?

E: No, I would not have been able to **afford** it. However, I did spend almost three weeks relaxing in holiday resorts at the seaside after finishing my summer job.

### P: Oh, and where did you head to?

E: I was **hired** to work for a hotel in the resort called La Mancha in Spain. It was a great experience. The whole stay was not only **beneficial** for me from a professional but also a personal point of view.

P: And what exactly was your **duty**?

E: I was in charge of the reception. Basically, I **checked upon** two **subordinates** who were under me and I made sure everything was running well.

P: That must have been a very responsible job.

E: Yes, but besides that, I also had some spare time to explore my surroundings and to gain new **experiences** when getting to know the culture.

P: Nice!

## VOCABULARY

**afford** – dovolit si **head to** – mířit **hire** – najmout **beneficial** – prospěšné **duty** – povinnost **check upon** – kontrolovat **subordinate** – podřízený **experiences** – zážitky

**QUESTIONS:** Fill in **experience/experiences** into the sentences.

- 1. She gained many\_\_\_\_\_\_from her last holiday.
- 2. What is your \_\_\_\_\_\_with leading people?
- 3. In my work I collect a lot of new \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Going on holiday is always about new \_\_\_\_\_

Key: 1. Experiences 2. experience 3. experience 4. experiences

