Does school prepare you for the world of work?

If you want to be a software designer and build an app, you don't need to know about history, literature or biology. When I applied for my first job, I hadn't learned any computer programming or project management skills. Learning facts about Ancient Rome and Ancient China was interesting, but I haven't used them in my job. - Lydia, software engineer

My grandmother once told me that at school she hadn't learned what to think, she'd learned how to think. I agree with her. When we study history, we learn about people, politics, mistakes in the past, and the history of great ideas. All of these things help us to understand our place in the world and to learn to think clearly. By the time I graduated from high school, I had definitely learned to think. My grandmother was right! - Sophia, lawyer

It depends on the type of job you want. If you want to be a teacher, then school is the perfect preparation. If you want to be a chef, school is a great start, but then you need something more - you need to learn all about food. When I got my first job, my boss said it was the beginning of my education. Daniela, chef

Most people don't become biologists, so studying biology may not be useful for your job, so in some cases, school doesn't prepare you very well. However, school introduces you to a lot of ideas and subjects. You probably need to study biology to discover if you are interested in it or not. School helps you learn what you like and don't like, and then you can decide on the right career. Until my math teacher told me I could become an accountant, I didn't know that job existed. - Danh, accountant

Not at all - or at least not for me. Does a paramedic learn to drive an ambulance at school? I don't think so. Does a firefighter learn to fight fires at school? Never. Sadly, for most jobs, you don't need to know the things you learn in school. I forgot about school when I started working. - Aslan, construction worker