

Here is practical advice from a personnel manager for teen-agers seeking vacation-time employment this year.



How to Get a Summer Job

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TWO BOYS ENTERED the door marked "Employment." Each wore trousers and a tee shirt that had probably been fresh hours before. Both showed signs of tramping from office to office without luck. One waited at the door while the other came over hesitantly to the desk.

"Any jobs open?" There was a note of despair in his voice.

"Not a thing," replied the man behind the desk without looking up.

"Look, Mister, we're both 18, honest." The boy was obviously lying. "We're looking for permanent jobs."

"Sorry, we have nothing at all," said the man with an air of finality.

The boy shrugged and the two left to continue their search.

In previous years, the boys would have had one consolation. There was a shortage of help and if they looked long enough, someone undoubtedly would have hired them.

But things are different this year. If you are going to be a job seeker, you will have to be better prepared than these boys were or you'll still be looking for that elusive Summer job when September rolls around.

There will be some jobs for teen-agers this Summer, but those available

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