
Neil Woods, undercover policeman

Listen to the interview and complete the gaps with a suitable word or phrase.

Neil Woods joined the police (1)_____. He flipped a coin to choose between travelling (2)_____ and the police. He chose the police because he wanted (3)_____. There [were no police in his family] so the driving force was probably his childhood interest in (4)_____.

Once he had joined he (5)_____. He wanted to (6)_____. His family were not (7)_____ as he was (8)_____ individual. At first it was (9)_____.

It took him (10)_____ during the first few weeks, to (11)_____. For example he learned that (12)_____ and so he had to become (13)_____.

Quite early in his career he (14)_____. A colleague decided that (15)_____ from a gangster. He went on to work undercover (16)_____. He believed (17)_____ for society.

His journey began with (18)_____. These assignments were quite short and he was in high demand. He has several different (19)_____. The criminal world has an eye (20)_____, so he looked the part. Sometimes he pretended to (21)_____.

His family life was quite (22)_____ so his work (23)_____. The job did (24)_____. His face became very dry, and years later he was (25)_____ as a result of the stress associated with his job.

As time went on policing (26)_____ became more efficient. One effect of this was that gangsters (27)_____. He had to (28)_____ in order to find out information. One of these gangs (29)_____ undercover officers.

Neil identified a replacement as untrustworthy, and later it was revealed that he was (30)_____. The drug gangs won't come after him because (31)_____ in taking revenge in him.

Corruption is (32)_____ so much so that Greater Manchester Police were not at all trustworthy.

He survived by (33)_____ his cover. When a dealer put a (34)_____ against his neck he thought his time was up.

He enjoyed the work. The high point was (35)_____ but he gradually realized that (36)_____ battle.