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Fun fact

Work to live or live to work?

Can you imagine working for an organisation for 76 years?

Arthur Winston worked until his 100th birthday for Los Angeles Metro, the Californian city's transportation service. He led a team that did maintenance for buses. In more than 7 decades of employment he was off work for only one day – for his wife's funeral.

He was a living legend; everyone knew him. He was named Employee of the Century by President Bill Clinton in 1996. A bus terminal in Los Angeles was named after him in 1997. When someone asked him why he stuck with his job, he said, "Well, I like my work." On his birthday, after colleagues had presented him with a huge cake with 100 candles, he said he was ready to retire. But, "I want to keep busy, keep active. I don't want to go home and sit down."

It was March 22nd when Arthur Winston retired. He died in his sleep on April 13th the same year, at home with his family. According to his nephew Eric, Arthur was content with what he had achieved in life. "Don't complain about things you just can't change," he said, "Focus on what you can do."

There can be few people who have served their employers so long, and with such loyalty and commitment.

How old was he?

Quickly find the answers to the questions in the 'Fun fact'.

- 1 How old was Arthur Winston when he died?
- 2 Which US city did he live and work in?
- 3 What was his job?
- 4 How long did he work for his employers?
- 5 How did President Clinton honour Mr Winston?
- 6 What was named after Mr Winston?
- 7 What did colleagues give him on his last birthday?
- 8 Was he a happy person?

Can you imagine working all your life for the same employers?