Want to be a DJ? It's not all computers and buttons…

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Being a radio DJ is not as easy as people think. In a recent survey, in a class of 25, 36% said that they thought it was easy to be a radio DJ. This may be true for the physical part of the job, but the mental part is much more stressful.

We went to interview Andrew Easton, a DJ for BBC Hereford and Worcester, about the life of a DJ. Andrew has been a radio DJ for 23 years but he says that he is "still learning." He said: "I've got to think all the time, I am often in the studio for 3 hours, no breaks, no adverts, no anything and before, I may be in the office for 3 hours preparing."

Andrew said that part of being a radio DJ is interviewing people and the awkward questions you have to ask, but it gets the answers out of the person being interviewed that the public want to hear.

"The radio is an important part of the community," said Andrew. It may also help people who are concerned about certain topics to find out more about them from other people to do with it. Andrew said that it helps to "make a difference."

Although being a DJ requires a lot of thorough thought in the studio. However, it can seem like you are only talking to one person. "DJs are taught a special trick which is to make the person listening think that the DJ is speaking to them only when really, there could be thousands listening to the radio."

In order to be a successful DJ, you must have a positive mind-set. When you're a DJ for a long time, you will find that you don't get as nervous before a show as when you started.

We asked Andrew for some advice for people getting started on becoming a DJ. He said: "Do it and get lots of experience, do some community radio, hospital radio, local radio and listen to as many different things as you can, live radio, podcasts, other types of broadcasts, even stuff you don't like so you can learn what's out there, what's good and bad and what you like, and also, be yourself, don't try and be someone else."