

## A. Language Builder

**Exercise 1. Match the words with the pictures. Use the words in the box.**

answer the phone

build a wall

clean the floor

cut hair

make drinks

wash dishes



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**Exercise 2. Complete the table with the opposites. Use the words in the box.**

clean

easy

great

high

interesting

light

short

1 dirty

2 low	
3 boring	
4 long	
5 terrible	
6 hard	
7 heavy	

**Exercise 3. Match the sentences.**

I work long hours.      The company was a long way from my home.

The factory was very noisy.      The job was boring.      The job was well paid.

The pay was very low.

1 I started work at seven and didn't finish until six. \_\_\_\_\_

2 The machinery was so loud that you couldn't hear anybody talk. \_\_\_\_\_

3 I only earned £2 an hour. \_\_\_\_\_

4 I got £20 an hour. \_\_\_\_\_

5 I had to do the same things every day. \_\_\_\_\_

6. It took me nearly two hours to get to work every day. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 4. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box.**

did	did learn	didn't	earned	got	left	liked
		stopped		were worked		

**Jacky:** What \_\_\_\_\_ you do in the summer? Did you get a job?

**Mark:** Yes, I worked as a waiter for a bit. I \_\_\_\_\_ doing that after a week, though. They pay was so low. I only \_\_\_\_\_ £5 an hour and it was quite hard work.

**Jacky:** And so what did you do after that?

**Mark:** I \_\_\_\_\_ a job at a hairdresser's .

**Jacky:** Oh no, I can't believe that!

**Mark:** What are you thinking? I \_\_\_\_\_ cut people's hair!

**Jacky:** so what did you do, then?

**Mark:** I \_\_\_\_\_ as a cleaner. I had to clean the floor! There was always hair everywhere. It was a bit boring, but people \_\_\_\_\_ nice.

**Jacky:** Did you earn much?

**Mark:** No, just £4 an hour.

**Jacky:** That's terrible!

**Mark:** That's why I \_\_\_\_\_ and got another job.

**Jacky:** Another job? That's too much!

**Mark:** I got a job with a builder for the last few weeks of the holiday. The hour were long, but their money was very good.

**Jacky:** Was it hard work?

**Mark:** Yes, I had to carry lots of heavy things around, but I \_\_\_\_\_ to build walls, so it was OK. And I liked being outdoors in the fresh air. It was healthy and I'm quite fit now.

**Jacky:** Yes, I can see.

**Exercise 5. Put the words in the correct order to complete the sentences.**

**1 I** a restaurant got in a job .

**2 Pounds** earned I an six hour .

**3 I** very hours worked long .

**4 Very** nice manager wasn't the .

**5 Most** was work quite of interesting the .

**6 Were** some about things there good job the .

**7 Well** really the job was paid .

**Exercise 6. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

**1** I learnt/ went/ worked in an office last year.

**2** My made/ was/ went job interesting.

**3** He bought/ earned/ worked a lot of money last week.

**4** I didn't like/ didn't make/ didn't want working outdoors.

**5** She liked/ made/ went drinks for people.

6 There didn't/ wasn't/ weren't many good things about the job.

7 They didn't/ wasn't/ weren't want to work in a shop.

8 She learnt/ made/ wrote emails and answered/ replied/ talked the phone.

**Exercise 7. Read the online posts by students. Correct the mistakes by changing the underlined verbs into the past simple.**

**Diane**

Last summer, I get a job in a shop. I work every day from nine to five. I don't like it much, but the money is OK.

**George**

Last weekend, I help my mum and dad in the family business. I don't have to work hard and it is a bit boring, but I earn a lot.

**Carlo**

Last year, I have a Saturday job as a sales assistant in a clothes shop. I love talking to the customers, but I don't like working long hours.

**Clare**

During the last holidays, I start an office job, I enjoy answering the phone and working with other people. The office manager doesn't speak to me, but that isn't a problem.