

Read the text and match the eight meanings to the correct words. Use contextual clues to help you guess the meanings.

(Remark: 15 minutes to do it.)

Doing the Right Thing

'It's almost ten. I have to hurry,' Alex thought as he walked over to his mother to **bid** her goodbye.

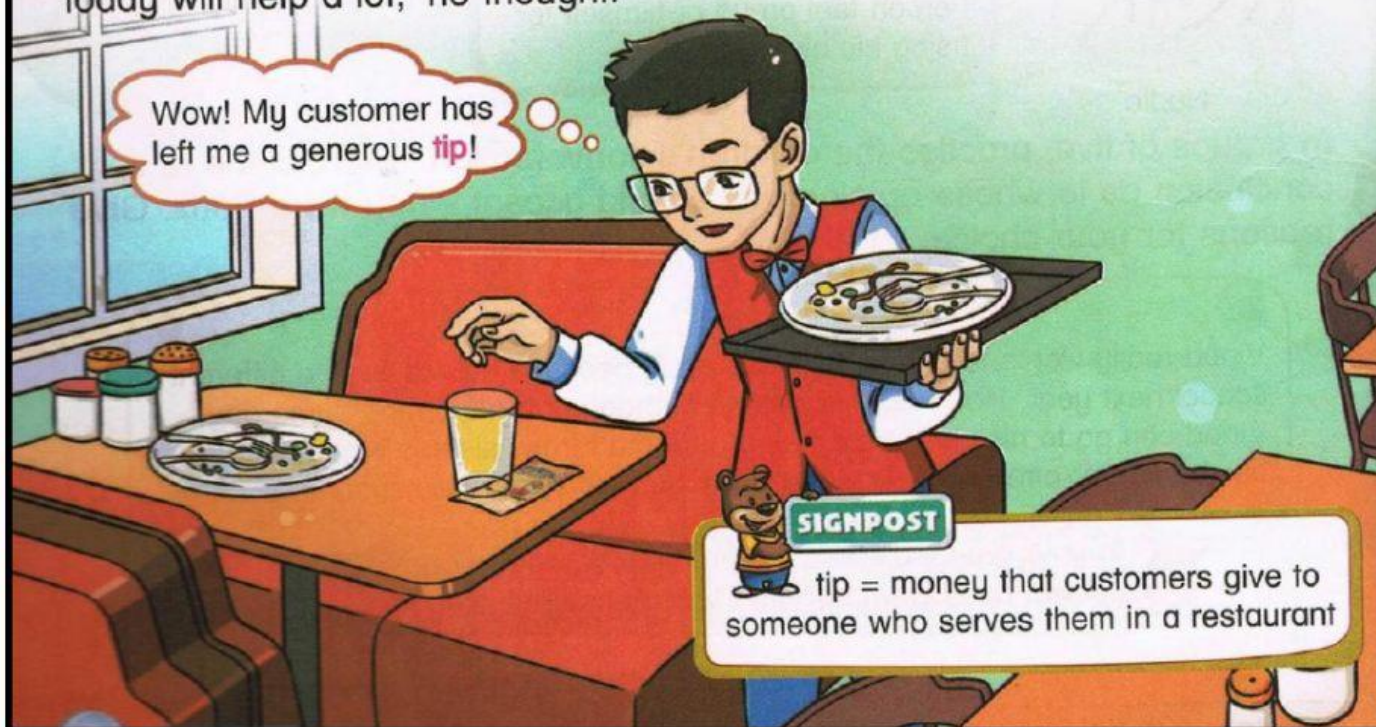
'Poor thing! You looked after me all night. You must be **exhausted**. Why don't you stay home today?' she whispered.

Alex hugged her and said, 'I have to go, Mum. It's my job. If I am not there today, my friends will have to do the **extra** work. Don't worry, I'll be **fine**. I've put your food and medicines on the table. Here's your mobile phone. Call me if you need me.'



Alex got to work in time. At noon, the restaurant was crowded. Although he was tired, Alex greeted everyone cheerfully and took their orders patiently. He also removed dirty **crockery** from the tables quickly. Many of the customers left tips for Alex because they **appreciated** his service. 'I need money to pay for Mum's medical bills. The tips I get today will help a lot,' he thought.

Wow! My customer has left me a generous **tip**!



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tip = money that customers give to someone who serves them in a restaurant

The last customer left and the restaurant closed for the day. Alex wanted to hurry home to his mother. As he was about to go out of the door, he **noticed** his friend seated at one of the empty tables. He walked over to speak to him.

What's the matter, Tom? You look worried.

My father's in hospital. I need to pay his hospital bill but I don't have enough money to do that. I don't know what to do.

Alex thought for a moment. Then, he said, 'I know what it's like to need money. Here's some money. It's not much but I hope it helps.'

Some of the workers in the restaurant **overheard** the conversation. Taking out their wallets, they said, 'We'd like to help too.'

Match the meaning to the word

	Word	Meaning
1.	bid goodbye	
2.	exhausted	
3.	extra	
4.	fine	
5.	crockery	
6.	appreciated (appreciate)	
7.	noticed (notice)	
8.	overheard (overhear)	

additional 额外的

very tired 劳累

tableware for eating
and serving dishes 盘碗

say goodbye 告别

all right 很好

hear something
accidentally 不小心听到

be grateful for 感激

become aware of 注意到

