

Top Summer Jobs for Teens

Let's face it -- between school, home, friends, and extracurricular activities, life as a teenager can be chaotic. Many teens view summer as a time for relaxation and vacation, but for some, it's all about the money. Summer jobs for teens should be fun, social, and flexible. Here are some popular part-time jobs that let teens earn extra cash while gaining valuable experience for the future.



1 Landscaping and Lawn Care -

Landscaping and lawn care are booming businesses during the summer months. Many people don't have the time or aren't physically capable of caring for **their** lawn and garden.

Landscaping is a challenging job that entails manual labor and long hours. If you don't mind getting dirty and love the outdoors, nature, and designing, this job is right for you. You'll hone **your** creativity and benefit from the physical activity, while learning about responsibility, hard work, and time-management.

Life Guard - If you are at least 15 years old and a proficient swimmer, you might consider training to be a certified lifeguard.



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Besides spending your working hours in the sun soaking in the rays, you'll learn valuable lessons in responsibility and safety. To become a certified lifeguard, a 37-hour course is required, **which** includes training in CPR, AED, first aid, surveillance techniques, proper use of rescue equipment, and managing spinal injury victims. You'll also have to pass a written test and a swimming test. Life guarding is a rewarding job that develops confidence, decision-making skills, conflict resolution, and professionalism.



3 Dog-Walking/Pet-Grooming -

Many elderly neighbors, friends on vacation, and people who work long hours need help washing and walking **their** pets.

If you enjoy working with animals and have a responsible work ethic, then this is the job for you. Your part-time business will begin to pick up once you set your reputation as a reliable and available animal lover.

Food Services - If you are a social butterfly and love interacting with people, restaurant employment might be right for you. You can choose from such positions as cashier, host/hostess, server, bus girl/boy, food runner, dish washer, and prep cook. Many towns have popular and unique diners and drive-ins, **which** make for a fun and social working environment.

Food industry positions can help you develop people skills, self-esteem, and responsibility, while enjoying a bit of socializing.



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Movie Theater - Free movies, free popcorn, and socializing are just a few of the benefits you get when working at a movie theater. If you are a movie buff, this is the perfect environment for you to spend some working hours. Concessions, tickets sales, ticket stubs, and usher are a few of the positions you can choose from.

You can choose to beat the heat during hot summer days, and maybe catch a free flick at night.



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Babysitting - Babysitting is a tried and true way for any teenager **who** enjoys kids to make money.

Neighbours, family friends, and relatives with small children often need help and want someone **they** know and trust. In order to offer more valuable services, teens can take classes on handling emergency situations and become certified in CPR and first aid. When a teenager proves **her** responsibility, reliability, and availability on a regular basis, her part-time business will be booming.

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1- TRUE or FALSE. Quote from the texts to justify your answers.

- a) Teenagers have different perspectives of their summer holidays.
- b) People have different reasons to hire you to take care of their gardens.
- c) Gardening not only develops some of your skills but it also helps you to be in shape.
- d) Good swimmer under fifteen can be life guard.
- e) To be a life guard you only need a thirty-hour course.
- f) A part-time job in food services enables you to be more self confident and responsible.
- g) There are different reasons to hire someone to take care of our animals.
- h) Taking care of a garden is an activity that doesn't require any physical effort.
- i) Teenagers can't perform different tasks at the movie theater.
- j) In spite of having a part-time at the movie theatre, you don't have free tickets.
- k) Babysitters should get some specific training to deal with problematic situations.

2- Read the texts and identify five benefits of having a part-time job.

3- Answer the following questions.

- a) What jobs can teens have during summer?
- b) How should the summer jobs be?
- c) What does landscaping and lawn care require from you?
- d) What does the training to be a life guard involve?
- e) What skills does being a life guard develop?
- f) Which qualities or skills are important to get a part-time job in food services?
- g) What can you get for free if you work at the movie theater?
- h) Who does usually need a babysitter?



4- What do the underlined bold words refer to in the texts?

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| a) their (text 1) | b) your (text 1) | c) which (text 2) | d) their (text 3) |
| e) which (text 4) | f) who (text 6) | g) they (text 6) | h) her (text 6) |

5- Find the synonyms of the following words in the text.

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| a) disordered | b) requires | c) gratifying | d) holidays |
| e) trustworthy | f) admirer | g) dealing with | h) expanding |

