

Listening – Part 1

1. Being a kid can be lots of fun. You play a lot - you have a lot of games that Mom and Dad don't know how to play. I love playing (1) _____. I get a lot of time to play soccer as a kid. Adults don't have as much time to play - my dad works so he doesn't get to play soccer very much. One bad thing about a kid is school ... I don't really like going to school. I can't stand doing (2) _____ either ... especially cleaning my room. Oh, and, my brother has a new (3) _____. That's really anno...

2. Some good things about being a kid are: summer (4) _____, playing sports, and getting lots of presents on my birthday - adults don't get as many presents. I like playing with my friends every weekend, too. Bad things about being a kid are: some of the chores I have to do - I don't mind doing some of them, but there are some I can't (5) _____, like doing dishes. Sometimes I can't watch TV when my Dad wants to watch a program that I can't watch ... I don't like that, and, I don't like doing homework. But...

3. I don't like having to go to bed so early ... at (7) _____. I always have to finish all the food on my plate, even if I don't like it ... yuck. One thing I really don't like ... I don't like older people telling me what to do. That's probably the (8) _____ thing about being a kid. There are a lot of good things though ... I don't have to work and my parents give me money for (9) _____. When I am an adult, I'll have to pay for everything. And, I get to see my friends all the time at school ... we have ...

Listening – Part 5

AT A CROSSROADS IN LIFE

Andy

I just got some bad news about my job. I'm going to be laid (1) _____ in three months. It's such a shock! I've worked for the same computer company for twelve years. I need to think what to do next. Actually, I've always dreamed of (2) _____ to Australia. So, I might try that! I have a friend in Melbourne, and I'm sure he would help me to find a job there. But if I went to Australia, my parents would be so sad. And they wouldn't be able to visit me very much. It's so expensive. So, I would have to find a really good job, so that I could come home a lot, or pay for them to visit me. That might not be easy.

Another thing I might do is start my own business, using my (3) _____ pay. What if I started a computer (4) _____ company? People are always having problems with their computers. If I did that, I'd have to work really hard in the beginning. It wouldn't be easy, but I would enjoy it, I think.

Lucy

I'm so surprised! My boyfriend just asked me to marry him! It was (5)_____ because I couldn't give him an answer right away. You see. I really love my boyfriend, and I think I want to marry him sometime, but not yet.

He wants us to get married next June. That's only nine months away. I think it might be better to wait. If we got married in June, we'd have to save all our money for the wedding and a house. But I don't want to do that. I want us to enjoy (6)_____ while we're young.

I want to go away and travel. I'd like to learn how to ride a horse and how to (7)_____. Oh, there's a lot of things I want to do. If we waited a little while, we could do all those things.

If I got married now, I might feel trapped. That would be terrible. But what if I told him I didn't want to marry him yet? Would he understand? He might not, and I don't want to lose him. I do want to marry him. I just want to put the wedding off for a while. That's all.

Maureen

Well, my husband died three months ago, and I have to decide what to do next. He was sick for a long time, so it wasn't a shock. But we were married for 41 years, and I can't (8)_____ life without him. I don't think I want to live in this house anymore. Anyway, it's so big for just one person. So, I might sell it and move to an apartment. I'd feel safer if I lived in an apartment, because there would be other people around. I think it might be hard living on my own.

Or my daughter says I can live with her and her family. So, I might do that, but I'm not sure. I love my daughter and my grandchildren very much. But if I lived with them, I wouldn't feel (9)_____ anymore. And I'm still young - I'm only 68! I'm healthy with (10)_____ of friends. There's lots I can still do with my life, I'm sure. I just need to keep busy.