

PET chapter 28 B

Here are the supplemental exercises found in chapter 28: a reading exercise that uses many of the vocabulary words in the previous lesson, a writing exercise, and an exercise to review prepositions.

Let's start with the reading exercise. Read the paragraphs about jobs in which you can work with celebrities. Match the paragraphs with the jobs in the box.

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B
C
D
E
F

Do you fancy being a star but know you never will be? Then working for a star could be the job for you. With plenty of cash and no journalists looking through your rubbish bins, it could be perfect. Here are just some of the jobs you could choose.

personal trainer
fashion designer
bodyguard
celebrity chef
stylist
personal assistant

A Stars take a lot of interest in what they eat so what do they do when they feel hungry but don't want to get their hands dirty? Employ me, of course. I have to be very good at my job because I'm responsible for preparing meals not just for my boss but for all his famous friends. Would you like my job? Yes? In that case you should get good qualifications and then work in one of the best restaurants for at least a couple of years. And of course your own TV show will help too.

B Who do you think makes those stars look 100% perfect? It doesn't just happen by accident. It's my job to make sure my celebrity looks wonderful at all times. Imagine if you had someone to shop and choose clothes for you! You too would look like a star all the time. The best thing about my job is that I go everywhere with my boss because famous people can't afford to make any mistakes in public, can they? I'm with her nearly all the time, whether she's at home or on holiday.

C At present I have celebrities knocking at my door because they like my clothes. And if I'm lucky they invite me to events where everyone can see the clothes I've designed. I have to keep my ideas up-to-date because no star wants to be seen in something that looks old-fashioned. Of course, in the end if they decide they don't like my clothes any more, I'll be famous one day and unknown the next.

D I get the chance to experience the life of the rich and famous without actually being famous myself. I take phone calls and look at all the fan mail, plan parties and do all the jobs the star doesn't want to do. I travel first class with the star, make sure she arrives everywhere on time and meet lots of famous people. I have to stay very calm and not mind being shouted at even when I've done nothing wrong. In my job you can earn lots of money like a star but I'm never on the front page of the newspaper just because I've got a new boyfriend.

E I'm essential to a star who wants to look good. I'm the only person who tells a celebrity what to do and they listen to me. I watch and shout instructions while they cycle, run and lift weights. There's also a chance of someone famous falling in love with me – it has happened before.

F My job is to make sure the boss is never in danger and I need to be strong, both physically and mentally, to do that. I have to see problems in advance before they happen and, if there is any trouble, I have to be there at once. I'm closer to the star than anyone. And I have to do what she does and keep her in sight all the time. So don't forget that if the boss wants to spend every night dancing in a nightclub, I'll be there too. In fact I sometimes spend 24 hours at work without a break.

There are several expressions found in the text. Using the context to guide you, what do the following expressions mean?

- a) get their hands dirty _____
- b) I'm responsible for _____
- c) knocking at my door _____
- d) up-to-date _____

Are there any other words that were unfamiliar to you? Write them here and look up their meanings.

Now, let's move on to the exercise on prepositions. All of the sentences below are taken from the text. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition. Choose from: **at, by, in, on**.

- a You should work in one of the best restaurants for at..... **least** a couple of years.
- b It doesn't just happen **accident**.
- c Famous people can't afford to make any mistakes **public**.
- d I'm with her nearly all the time, whether she's **home** or **holiday**.
- e My job is to make sure the boss is never **danger**.
- f I have to see problems **advance** before they happen.
- g If there is any trouble I have to be there **once**.
- h I have to keep her **sight** all the time.
- i I sometimes spend 24 hours **work** without a break.
- j I make sure she arrives everywhere **time**.
- k There's also a chance of someone famous falling **love** with me.
- l **present** I have celebrities knocking at my door.
- m Of course, **the end** if they decide they don't like my clothes any more, I'll be famous one day and unknown the next.

The expressions in these sentences and in the following exercise are *very common*. It would be useful to you to memorize them.

Which preposition goes before each of the following words? Write the words to the correct column.

AT	BY	IN	ON
bus	breakfast	business	car
first	mistake	school	mail
stock	town	foot	last

OK, now let's do a writing exercise. Here are some sentences about shopping. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. You can use 1-3 words.

- 1 My friend and I took the bus to town last week.
My friend and I went to town by bus last week.
- 2 My friend forgot to bring her purse.
My friend didn't bring her purse.
- 3 She asked me how much money I had in my purse.
She asked me, 'How much money in your purse?'
- 4 She borrowed some money from me.
I her some money.
- 5 The town has got lots of shops.
There lots of shops in the town.
- 6 First we went into a shop called *Stella's*.
First we went into a shop name was *Stella's*.
- 7 We couldn't afford the clothes in *Stella's*.
The clothes in *Stella's* were for us.
- 8 We bought nothing in *Stella's*.
We didn't in *Stella's*.
- 9 The shop next door is owned by my mother's friend.
My mother's friend the shop next door.
- 10 Although she showed me lots of clothes, I couldn't choose.
She showed me lots of clothes I couldn't choose.
- 11 We said, 'If we don't hurry, we'll miss the bus.'
We said, 'Unless , we'll miss the bus.'
- 12 We had such a tiring day we fell asleep on the bus.
We were so we fell asleep on the bus.