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When you are done, transfer your answers to this worksheet.
Make sure you check your spelling and grammar.

Hello everyone. My name's Megan Baker and I'm a recruitment consultant at AVT Recruitment specialists.

Now, our company (1) _____ positions that involve working in the agriculture and horticulture sectors, so that's fresh food production, garden and park maintenance and so on. And these sectors do provide some very special career (2) _____. For a start, they often offer opportunities for those who don't want to (3) _____ a 40-hour week, but need to (4) _____ work with other responsibilities such as child care – and this is very important for many of our recruits. Some people like working in a rural setting, surrounded by plants and trees instead of buildings, although we (5) _____ that. But there are (6) _____ health benefits, especially in jobs where you're not sitting all day looking at a screen – a big plus for many people. Salaries can sometimes be good too, although there's a lot of variety here. And you may have the opportunity in some types of jobs for travel overseas, although that obviously (7) _____ on the job, and not everyone is keen to do it.

Of course, working outdoors does have its challenges. It's fine in summer, but can be extremely unpleasant when it's cold and windy. You (8) _____ need to be pretty fit for some jobs, (9) _____ with modern technology that's (10) _____ as it once was. And standards of health and safety are much higher now than they used to be, so there are (11) _____ work-related accidents. But if you (12) _____ environment surrounded by lots of people, these jobs are probably (13) _____ – they're often in pretty remote areas. And some people worry about finding a suitable place to live, but in our experience, this usually turns out fine.

Now let me tell you about some of the exciting jobs that we have on our books right now.

One is for a fresh food commercial manager. Our client here is a very large fresh food producer supplying a range of top supermarkets. They operate in a very (14) _____ environment with low profit margins – the staff there work hard, but they play hard as well, so if you've a sociable personality this may be for you.

We have an exciting post as an agronomist advising farmers on issues such as crop nutrition, protection against pests, and the latest legislation on farming and agricultural practices. There are good opportunities for the right person to quickly make their way up the (15) _____, but a deep knowledge of the agricultural sector is expected of applicants.

A leading supermarket is looking for a fresh produce buyer who is available for a 12-month maternity (16) _____ contract. You need to have experience in administration, planning and buying in the fresh produce industry, and in return will receive a very competitive salary.

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We have also received a request for a sales manager for a chain of garden centres. You will be [17] centres in the region to ensure their high levels of customer service are maintained. This post is only suitable for someone who is prepared to [18].

There is also a vacancy for a tree technician to carry out tree cutting, forestry and conservation work. Candidates must have a clean driving licence and have training in safety procedures. A year's experience [19] preferred [20] the company might be prepared to consider someone who has [21] an appropriate training course.

Finally, we have a position for a farm worker. This will involve a wide range of farm duties including crop sowing and harvesting, machine maintenance and animal care. [22] of the job include the [23] of renting a small cottage on the estate, and the chance to earn a competitive salary. A driving licence and tractor driving experience are essential.

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