

Saturday Jobs

A. Proper Nouns

Matthew Wright, Lucy Speed, David Gorman, Anne Diamond

Colleen – answers the telephones on the television show

Adele – mom who called into the show

Woolworth's – a now defunct British department store

Malvern Girl's College – a leading co-educational independent (private) day and boarding *school* for boys and *girls* aged 13-18 located in *Malvern*, Worcestershire.

B. Vocabulary

bunking off school busted dead-end grotty paper rounds pervs (to) screw someone up
shame smash up sucked into (do) the washing-up to stack shelves to weed out truants
under the counter vice volunteer wage slave worthwhile

C. Vocabulary gap-fill exercise.

1. But first, do Saturday jobs _____, or is part-time work good for teenagers?
2. But then, you've got your whole life ahead of you to be a _____.
3. Why not get your kids to spend Saturdays, studying, so they don't have to end up working in some _____ / _____ job for the rest of their lives, let alone at the weekends?
4. I had to _____ cardboard boxes on Saturdays in the basement of Woolworths for I think it was just under £15 a day.
5. Yet one in ten _____ is _____ to work part-time.
6. The government, it has been revealed today, now wants every firm and employee that works with kids to be subjected to a criminal records' check to _____ the _____ of course.
7. I think, to be honest, that that's a brilliant thing to do. Certainly, a lot more fun than smashing up cardboard boxes, well a lot more _____.
8. I did have a Saturday job. I used _____ in a supermarket when I was a kid.
9. It sold illegal pornography _____, yes.
10. Later on, the man who owned the shop was eventually _____, a couple of years after I'd left it.
11. He was the _____-captain of the golf club, so the headline was 'Vice-captain in vice _____'.

12. I did a Saturday job, actually I did a lot of babysitting which was great and I did _____ at Malvern Girls' College on Tuesday evenings.

13. Actually, my sister did a Saturday job at Marks and Spencer's and she was _____ their management training scheme and stayed with them for her career.

14. My daughter got a job herself, I never asked her to, and she does a few _____ and she works in a local shop and she isn't paid very much, but she's very respectful of money.

D. Match the vocabulary word to its meaning. There are 19 words, but one word has two different meanings. Good luck!!

	1. a shortened form of the word pervert
	2. an illegal activity
	3. those who are absent without permission
	4. <i>faire l'école buissonnière</i> ; to skip school; to play hooky
	5. someone whose life is completely dependent upon the money they earn
	6. to add or replace consumer products
	7. permitting no opportunity for progress or advancement
	8. a condition of disgrace or dishonor
	9. a specific form of pernicious conduct
	10. very unpleasant; miserable
	11. to injure or damage someone
	12. one who acts in the place of another
	13. an area (like a neighborhood) in which newspapers are delivered
	14. rewarding, meaningful
	15. to cause someone to become involved in something
	16. damage or destroy
	17. the dirty dishes after a meal
	18. someone who performs a task without pay
	19. placed under arrest
	20. to remove undesirable people or things from a group

E. True or False?

1. The one thing that Matthew Wright obtained from his Saturday job as a teenager was his love of cardboard.

2. Ten percent of older teenagers are skipping school to work part-time jobs.

3. Even though Lucy was a child actor, she did a volunteer job on Saturdays.

4. According to Lucy, if you put a child in a room in front of their homework, they will surely do it.
5. David Gorman was arrested for working in a video shop that sold illegal pornography.
6. David Gorman was forced to work in a supermarket because his family needed the money.
7. Anne is thinking of making all four of her children do Saturday jobs.
8. Anne's sister worked for Marks & Spencer on Saturdays for her entire career.
9. Anne was a dishwasher at a Girl's school on Tuesday mornings.
10. Colleen's daughter does two paper rounds every day.

F. The hard stuff!

1. What was Lucy's regular childhood job? (1 word)
2. What do companies that hire young people have to do with their adult employees? (3 words)
3. Even though Lucy was a child actor, what did she do on Saturdays? (3 words)
4. What was Lucy's Saturday job? (6 words)
5. Who worked in a grocery store? (2 words)
6. What, according to his parents, was the priority in David Gorman's house when he was a teenager? (1 word)
7. Which guest worked in a university kitchen cleaning dishes? (2 words)
8. Which guest was a babysitter? (2 words)
9. Which guest made a joke about Matthew's love of cardboard? (2 words)
10. How often does Adele's daughter deliver newspapers? (2 words)

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