

Unit 5: Exercise 4

Read the information. Then look at the opinions with the key words underlined. Read the paraphrased statements and match the people with their opinions.



In the IELTS Reading test, you might be asked to find someone's opinion in a passage. You will be given statements, paraphrasing that person's opinion, which will be written in a shorter, different way.

- Rachel Jones, a young volunteer, says, 'It's terrible that the government isn't doing enough to help refugees.'
- Volunteering can have a beneficial effect on people. Clare Coleman agrees: 'It can make people feel less depressed.'
- Some people are not optimistic. Joel Gateman speculates that people will have less time to volunteer in years to come because they will be working longer hours.
- 'Far from being a waste of time, most people find voluntary work increases their job prospects,' claims Professor Mark Thompson.
- Paula Orman believes that more people are viewing voluntary work as a valuable activity which helps society in general.

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Clare Coleman

Joel Gateman

Mark Thompson

Paula Orman

Rachel Jones

- 1 If a person takes part in voluntary activities, it is good for the larger area in which they live.

- 2 The people who are officially in charge of the country should do more to help people.

- 3 People will not have much free time in the future to spend helping others.

4 Volunteering can improve someone's chances of finding paid work.

5 People who do voluntary work feel more positive about life.