

Working life

Complete the text with the words below.

career conditions educate
hours labour living treated
wages wealthy work



If you're sixteen or seventeen and live in a _____ European country, you probably haven't started full-time _____ yet. Perhaps you work at weekends or in the holidays to earn some extra money, or to get experience which will improve your _____ opportunities in the future. If you do, you are probably reasonably well _____; and you can give up the job if you feel it doesn't leave you time to study for exams.

But in poor countries, child _____ is part of everyday reality. Many parents cannot afford to _____ their children. Children as young as seven or eight work to earn their _____. There are about 160 million child workers worldwide, often working long _____ and always for very low _____. The working _____ for them can be extremely unhealthy.