

3.1 VOCABULARY

TALKING ABOUT TIME AND MONEY

A Work in pairs. Put the words and phrases in the box into the correct column in the chart.

afford boost	quality of life take a salary cut	cost of living balance	trade time well spent	value standard of living	lifestyle be worth it
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Nouns	Noun phrases	Verbs	Verb phrases

B Work individually. Use the words and phrases from exercise A to complete the conversation below. Be sure to use the correct verb forms.

Zoe What's wrong? You don't look very happy.

Alma I've been working a lot. The ¹ _____ (noun phrase) keeps going up and up, so I have to work more and more just so I can ² _____ (verb) to pay my rent!

Zoe You can't just work all the time. You have to find a ³ _____ (noun) in your life.

Alma What do you mean?

Zoe Well, I ⁴ _____ (verb phrase) so that I can work fewer hours and *spend more time with my family*.

Alma Really?

Zoe Yes. I decided to ⁵ _____ (verb) more money for a better ⁶ _____ (noun phrase). I think it ⁷ _____ (verb phrase)!

Alma Can you have a good ⁸ _____ (noun phrase) with less money?

Zoe Definitely! I have a much more relaxed ⁹ _____ (noun) now. I have time to do things I enjoy that don't cost a lot of money, like *taking my kids to the park*. If you work all the time, you can't enjoy life.

Alma I ¹⁰ _____ (verb) your advice. You've really given me something to think about!



C Work in pairs. Practice reading the conversation with your partner.

D Work in pairs. Practice reading the conversation again. This time, use your own ideas instead of the phrases in *italics*.