

A. Language Builder

Exercise 1. Match the words with the pictures. Use the words in the box.

answer the phone

build a wall

clean the floor

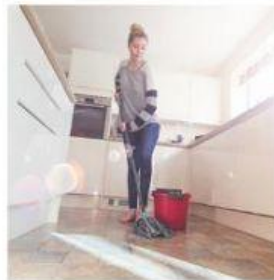
cut hair

make drinks

wash dishes



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Exercise 2. Complete the table with the opposites. Use the words in the box.

clean

easy

great

high

interesting

light

short

1 dirty

2 low	
3 boring	
4 long	
5 terrible	
6 hard	
7 heavy	

Exercise 3. Match the sentences.

I work long hours.	The company was a long way from my home.
The factory was very noisy.	The job was boring.
	The job was well paid.
	The pay was very low.

1 I started work at seven and didn't finish until six. _____

2 The machinery was so loud that you couldn't hear anybody talk. _____

3 I only earned £2 an hour. _____

4 I got £20 an hour. _____

5 I had to do the same things every day. _____

6. It took me nearly two hours to get to work every day. _____

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box.

did	did learn	didn't	earned	got	left	liked
		stopped	were worked			

Jacky: What _____ you do in the summer? Did you get a job?

Mark: Yes, I worked as a waiter for a bit. I _____ doing that after a week, though. They pay was so low. I only _____ £5 an hour and it was quite hard work.

Jacky: And so what did you do after that?

Mark: I _____ a job at a hairdresser's .

Jacky: Oh no, I can't believe that!

Mark: What are you thinking? I _____ cut people's hair!

Jacky: so what did you do, then?

Mark: I _____ as a cleaner. I had to clean the floor! There was always hair everywhere. It was a bit boring, but people _____ nice.

Jacky: Did you earn much?

Mark: No, just £4 an hour.

Jacky: That's terrible!

Mark: That's why I _____ and got another job.

Jacky: Another job? That's too much!

Mark: I got a job with a builder for the last few weeks of the holiday. The hour were long, but their money was very good.

Jacky: Was it hard work?

Mark: Yes, I had to carry lots of heavy things around, but I _____ to build walls, so it was OK. And I liked being outdoors in the fresh air. It was healthy and I'm quite fit now.

Jacky: Yes, I can see.

Exercise 5. Put the words in the correct order to complete the sentences.

1 I a restaurant got in a job .

2 Pounds earned I an six hour .

3 I very hours worked long .

4 Very nice manager wasn't the .

5 Most was work quite of interesting the .

6 Were some about things there good job the .

7 Well really the job was paid .

Exercise 6. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 I learnt/ went/ worked in an office last year.

2 My made/ was/ went job interesting.

3 He bought/ earned/ worked a lot of money last week.

4 I didn't like/ didn't make/ didn't want working outdoors.

5 She liked/ made/ went drinks for people.

6 There didn't/ wasn't/ weren't many good things about the job.

7 They didn't/ wasn't/ weren't want to work in a shop.

8 She learnt/ made/ wrote emails and answered/ replied/ talked the phone.

Exercise 7. Read the online posts by students. Correct the mistakes by changing the underlined verbs into the past simple.

Diane

Last summer, I get a job in a shop. I work every day from nine to five. I don't like it much, but the money is OK.

George

Last weekend, I help my mum and dad in the family business. I don't have to work hard and it is a bit boring, but I earn a lot.

Carlo

Last year, I have a Saturday job as a sales assistant in a clothes shop. I love talking to the customers, but I don't like working long hours.

Clare

During the last holidays, I start an office job, I enjoy answering the phone and working with other people. The office manager doesn't speak to me, but that isn't a problem.