



READING

PART A

Complete the text with the words In the box

Decided , employees, full time,
Holidays, husband,, levels, Manage,
spend, uncertain,
Valuable, women

PART B

Put these statements in the order that they appear in the text
(Numbers from 1 To 9)

Time for a change?

Are you tired of travelling to the office every day?
Are you bored with your ¹ colleagues ? Do you hate
your boss? Then perhaps working for yourself is
the answer.

Professor Simon Parker from Durham University
looked at information about both employed and
self-employed people in the UK and the USA in
the 1990s. He found that people who run their
own businesses enjoy high ² _____
of job satisfaction. This is because of the flexibility
and independence that working for themselves
gives them. The ability to organise their own
working hours is more ³ _____ to
them than earning a lot of money. However, they
usually work longer hours than employees. The
survey showed that, on average, self-employed men
work between 54 and 56 hours a week. Male
⁴ _____ work about 44 hours.

⁵ _____ who run their own
businesses work about 17 hours a week more than
female employees. Self-employed women work 47
hours a week, while female employees work about
30. Professor Parker said that people who run their
own businesses worked longer hours because their
financial situation is more ⁶ _____.

About one in ten people in Britain is now
self-employed. Annette Fishburn used to
earn £40,000 a year when she had a
⁷ _____ job. She used to run training
courses for small businesses. A year ago, she
⁸ _____ to become self-employed
and started her own travel business. Her company,
Spirit Lifestyle organises ⁹ _____ to
Umbria in Italy. She now pays herself £25,000 a
year. She sometimes works 100 hours a week, but
she insists that it's worth it. 'Although some days I
work for 16 hours, other days I can go and meet
a friend for coffee or go shopping.' She says that
she is able to ¹⁰ _____ her own time
to suit her, and this flexibility means more to her
than money.

At first, it was hard, but things have gone well.
Mrs Fishburn now has more time with her
¹¹ _____ Andrew, 44. The couple,
who have no children, plan to ¹² _____
more time abroad – thanks to the business. 'My
friends think I'm mad to work these hours,' she
says. 'But I love my job.'

A the number of people in Britain who are self-employed. _____

B Annette Fishburn's previous job _____

C Where professor Simon parker works _____

D the reasons why self-employed people work long hours_____

E What Annette _____

F Which groups of people professor parker studied_____

G working hours for employed and self-employed men_____

H the name of Annette Fishburn's new company and what it does_____

I working hours for employed and self-employed women_____