

Unit 3 'Work'

Reading

Young people and ... money

How can you earn a bit of extra pocket money? Here are some ideas.

1 Tess, aged 20

I'm a student and, to earn a little bit of money, I do leafleting for local businesses. It's really dull work and quite tiring. I stand in the street all day on Saturday and give people leaflets for pizza restaurants, shops and children's play areas. Sometimes the company I am working for gives me an outfit to put on – like a snail outfit for a French restaurant! I don't get paid much – about £40 for a whole day. Sometimes two of us work together. That's good because we can chat and laugh together.



2 Matt, aged 16

I live in a small town and there aren't many part-time jobs for people of my age. In fact, there aren't any. That's why I work for myself. I do tutoring. I'm very good at Maths and Science and a lot of children need help with these subjects. I go to their homes after school and help them with homework or revision. I only tutor one child a day so I still get home by 5 p.m. I earn different amounts from different people. Some of the families don't have much money so I don't charge much – but I never do it for free! When I have a lot of school work or when exams are coming up, I take a week off.



3 Sylvie, aged 17

I don't have a regular job but, when I need money, I do babysitting. The great thing is that I can say 'Yes' or 'No'. It depends on what my plans are so I never miss any parties or concerts. I always work in the evening and it isn't hard work at all. The children I look after are asleep or getting ready for bed when I arrive. I tell them a story, switch their lights off and, after that, I can just sit and watch television. There is even food for me to eat and, for four hours, I earn about £24.



1) Match the sentences to the people. Write *Tess*, *Matt*, *Sylvie* or *none* if a statement doesn't match any people.

He/She...

- A. works outside
- B. works in the evening
- C. does the job because he/she can't find anything else
- D. sometimes wears special clothes
- E. works in an office
- F. doesn't always earn the same amount of money

- G. sometimes works with other people
- H. does more than one job
- I. works for different businesses.
- J. can eat when he/she is working

2) Choose the correct meaning for the underlined words.

Example:

It's really dull work.

- ☐ It's very interesting work. ☒ It's very boring work.

Sometimes, companies give me an outfit to put on.

- ☐ Sometimes, companies give me some special clothes to wear. ☐ Sometimes, companies give me something to hold up and show people.

I help them with homework or revision.

- ☐ I help them with homework or project work. ☐ I help them with homework or studying for exams.

I don't charge much.

- ☐ I don't take so much money. ☐ I don't work so hard.

I don't have a regular job.

- ☐ My job is different to other people's. ☐ I don't work at the same time, on the same day every week.

It depends on what my plans are.

- ☐ After I make my plans, I decide when I can work. ☐ After I get work, I make my plans for my free time.

3) Read REMEMBER THIS. Find these phrases in the texts and complete them with the missing words.

REMEMBER THIS

You can make a statement stronger by adding words like:

very, just, even, etc.:

I'm tired. – I'm very tired.

- A. ... it isn't hard work .
- B. There is food for me to eat ...
- C. I can sit and watch television.
- D. ... about £40 for a day.
- E. , there aren't any.

4) Put the words in the correct order.

1 as Do a shop assistant? you a lot of earn money

↓ DRAG ITEM HERE

2 enough to pay the rent. doesn't earn My brother

↓ DRAG ITEM HERE

3 about £40 a day. We earn

↓ DRAG ITEM HERE

4 a salary? Mrs Fisher earn Does good

↓ DRAG ITEM HERE

5 for to pay Paul money a new computer. to earn some wants

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6 salary she loves Carole earns a low her job. but

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