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.







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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

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

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3 about | £40 | a day. | We | earn

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4 a | salary? | Mrs Fisher | earn | Does | good

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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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