

Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

STARTING WORK

In recent years, job markets have become so competitive that choosing the right 1) _____ path has become crucial for many young people. The goal of most young people is to find a (2) _____ that offers some decent benefits. The most basic of these is a good (3) _____ but also includes such things as paid holiday leave, health insurance and a (4) _____ fund. But often the reality is somewhat different. Many young people are having to work for a low (5) _____ of pay, with no extra payment for (6) _____ and with the threat that they could be (7) _____ redundant at any time. It's no wonder that there is low morale among many (8) _____ these days. This has led a growing number of young people to show (9) _____ and start up their own businesses offering a whole range of (10) _____ to people who live in their (11) _____ communities. It requires a lot of (12) _____ and some luck but it can pay off in the end.

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| 1 | A | job | B | career | C | vocation | D | occupation |
| 2 | A | station | B | spot | C | position | D | location |
| 3 | A | salary | B | earnings | C | return | D | compensation |
| 4 | A | wealth | B | benefit | C | fortune | D | pension |
| 5 | A | figure | B | charge | C | rate | D | cost |
| 6 | A | functions | B | work | C | occasions | D | overtime |
| 7 | A | taken | B | forced | C | made | D | done |
| 8 | A | assistants | B | employees | C | bosses | D | labours |
| 9 | A | operation | B | adventure | C | concern | D | enterprise |
| 10 | A | services | B | proposals | C | suggestions | D | projects |
| 11 | A | close | B | nearby | C | local | D | residential |
| 12 | A | exercise | B | strain | C | force | D | effort |