

## Text 2

<u>Home-Start: A charity offering support and friendship for families</u>	1
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Home-Start is a charity which has been helping parents to build	3
better lives for their children for thirty years. The early years	4
before a child starts school are vitally important. At Home-Start we	5
believe parents play the key role in creating a secure childhood for	6
their children. It's just sometimes they need a bit of help. We are	7
always keen to recruit new volunteers.	8
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Our home- visiting volunteers are committed, caring people who offer	10
their time freely to support local families who have at least one child	11
under the age of five. Volunteers are usually parents themselves, or	12
have parenting experience, and bring with them personal and skills.	13
They are , approachable, and reliable and can be trusted by	14
parents to listen without being judgemental.	15
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If you feel you have what it takes to become a Home-Start home-	17
visiting volunteer we would love to hear from you. We offer a highly	18
regarded Preparation Course which is held one day a week over nine	19
weeks at a centre in or near your home town. This will prepare you	20
for home visiting and give you a thorough understanding of the role of	21
a Home-Start volunteer. You could even gain a qualification at Level 2	22
if you wish.	23
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Once you are linked with a family, you will visit them on a weekly basis	25
for two to three hours per week providing support with a wide range	26
of difficulties such as being an extra pair of hands for parents with	27
twins of being a friend to a single parent who feels lonely. You should	28
be able to stay in the role for at least a year.	29
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For more information, please telephone 01301 0340855 or email	31
<a href="mailto:homestart@whitepool.gov.uk">homestart@whitepool.gov.uk</a> .	32
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You can get details of our next course starting in June 2015.	34

11. According to the text, how long has Home-Start been helping parents?
  - a. 20 years
  - b. 10 years
  - c. 30 years
  
12. What sort of people does Home-Start want to work for them?
  - a. Volunteers
  - b. Teachers
  - c. Babies
  
13. How old are the children in the families that Home-Start works with?
  - a. 5 years or older
  - b. Teenagers
  - c. Younger than 5 years
  
14. How long is the Preparation Course?
  - a. 9 months
  - b. 1 hour
  - c. 9 weeks
  
15. What sort of work could a volunteer do with a family, according to the text?
  - a. Help look after twins
  - b. Prepare food
  - c. Gardening work
  
16. The word that best fills the gap in line 14 is:
  - a. Tired
  - b. Forgetful
  - c. Friendly

17. Which line has a spelling error?

- a. Line 6
- b. Line 10
- c. Line 18

18. According to the text, how long should you stay with a family?

- a. One year or longer
- b. Ten years
- c. Two months

19. If you want to become a volunteer, how can you contact Home-Start?

- a. You can phone or email them
- b. You should write a letter
- c. You should send a text

20. What will happen in June 2015, according to the text?

- a. You will start your job
- b. The next course will start
- c. The company will close down