

## Text 2

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