

Optimise B2 Unit 6 Listening



1 08 Listen to a young man called Justin talking about youth unemployment. Choose the words that mean the same as the words you hear.

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| 1 initiative = proposal / programme | 5 benefit = earn / win |
| 2 boost = increase / promote | 6 abroad = foreign / expensive |
| 3 tough = difficult / worrying | 7 retail = shop / business |
| 4 develop skills = teach / train | 8 take on = give a job to / pay |

2 Read the sentences about Justin's talk in Exercise 1. In each one there is an unnecessary word or phrase, or a grammatical mistake in the underlined phrase. Cross out the unnecessary words and correct the mistakes.

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| 1 Head Start helps to increase <u>youth employment</u> for young people. _____ | 4 Employers have a good reason <u>to give to</u> young people jobs. _____ |
| 2 At the moment, there are more <u>than over</u> 500 staff in the offices. _____ | 5 The government will help you while you look for a <u>work</u> . _____ |
| 3 Without relevant <u>qualification</u> , young people struggle to find jobs. _____ | 6 Any employer would <u>rather</u> to pay less for wages. _____ |

3 08 Listen again. For questions 1–10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

- 1 Head Start is mainly for those students who will not go to _____.
- 2 There are currently over _____ Head Start offices and others are about to open.
- 3 Justin points out that if you don't have a(n) _____, it's difficult to find a good job.
- 4 Workers in unskilled jobs aren't paid _____ so think carefully about doing them.
- 5 By doing apprenticeships, young people can _____ while they train.
- 6 At places like supermarkets, the _____ receives money to give young people jobs.
- 7 The government provides the jobless with a(n) _____ benefit while they seek work.
- 8 You need to earn enough to go on foreign _____, and afford things like a car.
- 9 Someone without skills can eventually become the _____ of a shop.
- 10 People are happy with Head Start because everyone _____ the programme.