

Reading & Vocabulary

- 1 Chidi and Klára are volunteers. Look at the photos on this page. What do you think they do?

Make a difference Be a volunteer!

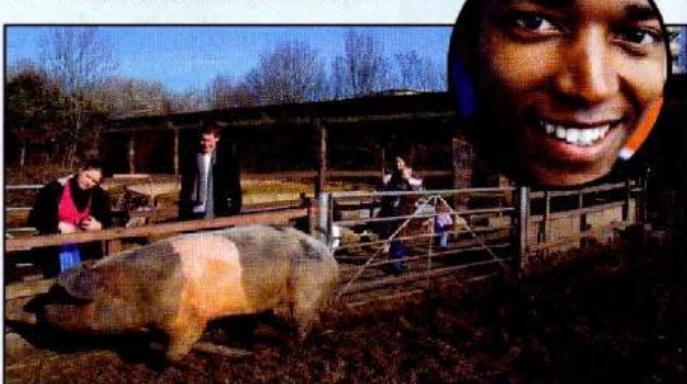
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More and more people do volunteer work in their local area. They don't have to do it. They don't earn any money and they give up their free time. So what do they do and why do they do it?

5 The city farmer, London

Chidi Oruma, 18, lives in central London. He loves animals and wants to be a vet one day. Most weekends, he works on a farm near his home! The volunteers look after animals and grow fruit and vegetables. It's a friendly place. Schools visit and sometimes the volunteers take the animals into schools.

Chidi says: 'City farms are important because kids can see real animals and plants and learn where their food comes from.'



15 The sports helper, Prague

Klára Pasek, 17, is a volunteer for the Special Olympics. The Special Olympics are for athletes with learning disabilities. The Special Olympics are every two years but the athletes have to train the whole year. Klára and the other volunteers organise sporting events and help the athletes. Klára helps the basketball team.

Klára says: 'The Special Olympics is a beautiful thing. I help the athletes but they help me, too. I'm a better person now - I'm more patient. I have a great time and I learn new skills.'

**So what are you waiting for? Volunteer now.
You can make a difference!**



- 2 Read the article and circle the correct answers, a, b or c.

- 1 Chidi wants to
a be a vet. b be a farmer.
c teach in a school.
- 2 The city farm is
a close to Chidi's home.
b at a school. c near London.
- 3 At the city farm, volunteers
a build roads.
b grow food and look after animals.
c organise sporting events.
- 4 The Special Olympics are for
a volunteer students.
b basketball players.
c people with learning disabilities.
- 5 The volunteers for the Special
Olympics
a do exercise and train.
b help the athletes and organise
sporting events.
c train in their favourite sports.

3 GUESSING MEANING FROM CONTEXT

Match the words 1–5 from the text with the definitions a–e.

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| 1 to give up | a to prepare for something, e.g. a sports event |
| 2 to earn | b an illness or injury that makes it difficult to do everyday things |
| 3 to volunteer | c to stop doing an activity |
| 4 to train | d to do a job in your free time for no payment |
| 5 disability | e to get money for work you do |