

Looking for a summer job?

Read on to find out about the most popular summer work for teenagers.

A LIFEGUARD
Being a lifeguard is the perfect way to spend time on the beach and learn new skills like first aid* and water rescue*. You must be a strong swimmer to cope with big waves, and a reliable person. It's a serious job and you don't know what's going to happen each day. It's only for those who have a passion for water. You also need to live near the coast.

B CAMP COUNSELLOR*
Are you a good leader? Do you find it easy to make decisions? The camp counsellor job involves organising activities as well as helping children with any problems, so it's essential you are caring. This job is well-paid and accommodation is included, but you have to be ready for anything. You must be hard-working and be ready to work with adults and children.

C WINDSURFING INSTRUCTOR
If you already have some skills, then take a course and become a windsurfing instructor. You need to be patient as most people you teach will be beginners. You also have to be sociable because you are going to work with adults and kids all day long. If you live near a lake or sea then this is a good job for you.

D PET SITTER
Taking care of people's pets when they go on holiday is a great summer job for animal lovers. You need to be active as the job can include walking dogs and cleaning animal cages*. The pay isn't great, but sometimes you can live for free in the same house as the animals you are looking after, so it is possible to save some money.

E GARDENER
Another option for nature-lovers is looking after people's gardens when they go on holiday, or helping them if they are too busy at work. It's important that you know about different plants and trees and how to care for them. There's plenty of alone-time in this job, so it's good for quiet people.

F ACTIVITY LEADER
You have to love kids to do this job. You also need to be good at a wide variety of different sports and activities such as volleyball and painting. This job is for active and adventurous people only. So, if swimming in a river is not your favourite activity, then this is not the job for you. The money isn't great, but accommodation is usually free.

1 Sylvie
I'm adaptable, sensitive and good at listening to people of all ages. I don't get stressed about unexpected things. I can put up with working long hours, but I don't like water sports.

2 Alexander
I live close to the ocean and am dedicated to water sports. I'd like a demanding job because I find repetitive jobs boring. I'm not keen on children and I have a dog.

3 Mia
I'd like a job where I can be active. I love water sports and am good at problem-solving. I get on well with children, but I'm scared of dogs. Free accommodation would be great.

4 Felix
I'd like to live somewhere new, but I don't have money for a flat. I'm active, spend lots of time outdoors and love water sports. I enjoy being alone and jobs which aren't too challenging. I haven't worked with kids.

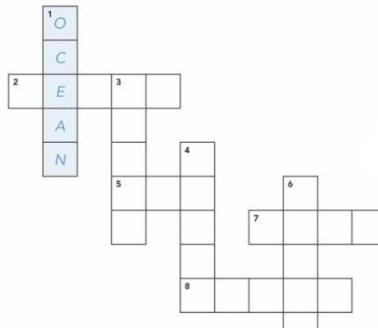
1 Four teenagers are looking for summer jobs. Read the texts and match each person 1–4 to a suitable job A–F. There are two extra jobs.

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2 Read the texts again. Are statements 1–8 true (T) or false (F)?

1 Pet sitters have to sleep with the animals they look after.
2 Camp counsellors work with kids, but older people too.
3 Working as a gardener is a good job for introverted people.
4 You learn how to deal with accidents when you work as a lifeguard.
5 Lifeguards follow the same routine every day.
6 Teaching people how to windsurf is a repetitive job.
7 Activity leaders have to pay for a place to stay.
8 Camp counsellors can make quite a lot of money.

3 Read the clues and complete the crossword. Use the underlined words in the texts to help.



Across

- 2 an area of sand or small stones at the edge of the sea or a lake
- 5 bigger than a lake; smaller than an ocean
- 7 a large area of water surrounded by land
- 8 e.g. the Nile, the Amazon

Down

- 1 e.g. the Pacific, the Atlantic
- 3 the area where the land meets the sea
- 4 H₂O
- 6 movements of water that surfers can surf on across the sea