

3.4

READING

Part-time jobs • guessing meaning from context • emphasis • work • collocations

1 Read the texts and answer the questions. Write T (Tess), M (Matt) or S (Sylvie). Write N if a question doesn't match any of the people.

- Who ...
- 1 works outside?
 - 2 works in the evening?
 - 3 does the job because he/she can't find anything else?
 - 4 sometimes wears special clothes?
 - 5 works in an office?
 - 6 doesn't always earn the same amount of money?
 - 7 sometimes works with other people?
 - 8 does more than one job?
 - 9 works for different businesses?
 - 10 can eat when he/she is working?



Young people and ... money

How can you earn a bit of extra pocket money? Here are some ideas.

1 Tess, aged 20

I'm a student and, to earn a little bit of money, I do leafleting for local businesses. It's really dull work and quite tiring. I stand in the street all day on Saturday and give people leaflets for pizza restaurants, shops and children's play areas. Sometimes, the company I am working for gives me an outfit to put on – like a snail outfit for a French restaurant! I don't get paid much – £40 for a whole day. Sometimes, two of us work together. That's good because we can chat and laugh together.



2 Matt, aged 16

I live in a small town and there aren't many part-time jobs for people of my age. In fact, there aren't any. That's why I work for myself. I do tutoring. I'm very good at Maths and Sciences and a lot of children need help with these subjects. I go to their homes after school and help them with homework or revision. I only tutor one child a day, so I still get home by 5 p.m. I earn different amounts from different people. Some of the families don't have much money, so I don't charge much – but I never do it for free! When I have a lot of school work or when exams are coming up, I take a week off.



3 Sylvie, aged 17

I don't have a regular job, but when I need money, I do babysitting. The great thing is that I can say 'Yes' or 'No'. It depends on what my plans are, so I never miss any parties or concerts. I always work in the evening and it isn't hard work at all. The children I look after are asleep or getting ready for bed when I arrive. I tell them a story, switch their lights off and, after that, I can just sit and watch television. There is even food for me to eat and, for four hours, I earn £24.



GLOSSARY

businesses (n, pl) – companies or organisations that sell something or offer a service

amounts (n, pl) – quantities of something such as time, money, or a substance

miss (v) – not do something or go somewhere because you can't for some reason

2 Look at the underlined words in the text. Decide what part of speech they are: A (adjective), N (noun) or V (verb).

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| 1 dull | A | N | V |
| 2 outfit | A | N | V |
| 3 revision | A | N | V |
| 4 charge | A | N | V |
| 5 regular | A | N | V |
| 6 depends | A | N | V |

3 Choose the correct meaning for the words in Exercise 2.

- It's really dull work.
 - It's very interesting work.
 - It's very boring work.
- Sometimes, companies give me an outfit to put on.
 - Sometimes, companies give me some special clothes to wear.
 - Sometimes, companies give me something to hold up and show people.
- I help them with homework or revision.
 - I help them with homework or project work.
 - I help them with homework or studying for exams.
- I don't charge so much.
 - I don't take so much money.
 - I don't work so hard.
- I don't have a regular job.
 - My job is different to other people's.
 - I don't work at the same time, on the same day every week.
- It depends on what my plans are.
 - After I make my plans, I decide when I can work.
 - After I get work, I make my plans for my free time.

4 Complete the dialogues with the words from Exercise 2. Change the form of the words if necessary.

Conversation 1

Peter: How much do you charge for your lessons?

Matt: That _____ on how rich the family is.

Conversation 2

Cath: Who are you working for today, Tess?

Tess: An Italian restaurant. I'm lucky. John's over there in the funny _____ but they've only got one.

Cath: What is it?

Tess: I'm not sure. I think it's some kind of pasta.

Conversation 3

Emma: Do you really like babysitting, Sylvie?

Sylvie: Yes, I love it. Why, don't you?

Emma: No, it's really ¹ _____. Nothing happens. I hate watching TV. And sometimes I work on Friday evenings, sometimes on Saturdays. I'd like to work ² _____ hours – and not in the evening.

Sylvie: Take your school books. You can do your ³ _____ and get paid for it!

REMEMBER BETTER

It is important to learn the pronunciation of new words along with their meaning. You can use Internet dictionaries which give pronunciation in both oral and written form (audio recordings and phonetic transcription). What's more, they often give British as well as American pronunciation of particular words.

REMEMBER THIS

To strengthen the meaning of a message, we can use so-called intensifiers, e.g. *very* (*I'm tired – I'm very tired*), *at all*, *just*, *even*, *in fact*, *whole*, etc.

5 Read REMEMBER THIS. Find these phrases in the text and complete the missing words.

- ... £40 for a whole day
- _____, there aren't any.
 - ... it isn't hard work _____.
 - There is _____ food for me to eat.
 - I can _____ sit and watch television.

6 Complete the text with one word in each gap to make the meaning stronger.

Meg: What's wrong?

Tanya: Oh, it's the World Cup. Jake talks about it the whole time. We don't go out ¹ _____.

Meg: Well, it's only for a month. Why don't you watch a few matches? You might enjoy it.

Tanya: I watch quite a few matches but Jake doesn't ² _____ know I'm there. He ³ _____ sits there looking at the television.

Meg: Simon's completely different. He doesn't really like any sports. ⁴ _____, he always complains about me when we're out because I usually spend the ⁵ _____ time looking at my mobile phone.

Tanya: Oh well, that's different. Mobiles are important!

VOCABULARY PRACTICE | Work

7 Look at the vocabulary in lesson 3.4 in the Students' Book. Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. The first letters are given.

They make chairs and other furniture in that factory.

- Sandra is a nurse. Her job is **d** _____ and she works very hard.
- I need more money – that's why I'm looking for a job with a good **s** _____.
- The assistants at this shop always speak politely to the **c** _____.
- Uncle Max is a headteacher – he's **r** _____ for organising school leaving exams in his school.
- My parents prefer to pay more money and buy products that are of good **q** _____.

WORD STORE 3E | Collocations

8 Put the words in the correct order.

l / salary / earn / a / don't / very / good

I don't earn a very good salary.

- you / a lot / money / a shop assistant / of / as / earn / Do _____?
- enough / his needs / doesn't / My brother / earn / for _____.
- £100 / earn / about / l / a week _____.
- earn / living / How / does / her / Mrs Fisher _____?
- wants / Paul / a new computer / some / to pay / to / earn / money / for _____.