



Fill in the gaps (A-F) with the phrases (1-7). There is one phrase that you do not need to use.

## How About a MacJob?

A McJob? What on earth is that? Well, according to a recently-added dictionary entry, a McJob is a low-paying job that requires little skill and provides little opportunity for advancement.

You dream of a job like this, right? A monotonous, tedious job **A**\_\_\_\_\_? No? Then, why are thousands of educated young people spending hours each day folding jumpers, grilling burgers, serving cappuccinos and unpacking boxes of books?

Katie Underwood, a twenty-three-year-old university student, has had around twenty jobs just like this. She has worked night-shifts, has been told she can't have a break or a day off **B**\_\_\_\_\_.

Fast food adverts and movies may make us think that these jobs are held by pink-cheeked, trendy teens **C**\_\_\_\_\_, but in actual fact, most people in these jobs are in their late teens and twenties.

Like Katie, these youngsters are juggling these part-time jobs and university classes, **D**\_\_\_\_\_.

So, how sorry for yourself should you feel if you have to take a McJob? Well, perhaps you're actually one of the lucky ones! First of all, some well-known former McDonald's workers include Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com and Carl Lewis, Olympic gold medalist, and according to a recent article, around 20 of the 50 top worldwide managers began by grilling burgers! Secondly, most young people who take these jobs have little or no previous work experience. Learning how to get to work on time, operate a machine, count change, serve customers politely, cooperate with fellow workers and accept orders from a boss are skills, **E**\_\_\_\_\_.

So, a McJob might be boring, tiring and badly-paid, **F**\_\_\_\_\_. Undoubtedly, it will also make you appreciate just how lucky you are when you finally get your dream job!

1. and has usually been paid no more than the minimum wage
2. so that they can pay for skyrocketing tuition fees and living expenses
3. who are just looking for a bit of extra spending money
4. but it can help prepare you better for the harsh world of work
5. that involves washing dishes, delivering parcels or asking "Would you like fries with that?"
6. which can give you valuable experience and maturity before you enter your chosen career
7. who have worked in factories, shoe shops, restaurants, bars and museums

A	B	C	D	E	F

