VOLUNTEERING

Task 1. Match the words with their meanings.

1. Schedule	a) Old people considered as a group.
2. Ease	b) To do something in your free time when you are not working or doing something.
3. Improve	c) Helpful or useful. Something that has a good effect.
4. Elderly	d) A list of activities to be done showing times and dates.
5. Spare	e) To make something less difficult, severe or painful.
6. Beneficial	f) To get better or to make something better.

Reading

My name is Eileen and I have been working as a volunteer for three years. I started when I was still at school and now, while I'm writing *application letters* and waiting for *job interviews*, I am *carrying on* with this type of work.

Sometimes people ask me what makes these young people spend their free time in the service of others *instead of* enjoying themselves doing what most teens usually do. Well, many young people decide to do voluntary work as they get chance to feel good themselves, because helping out with something they believe in can be very gratifying and enjoyable. They feel they can make a difference being useful to someone in need. On the other hand they can choose what they want to do. So they have the opportunity *to get involved in* issue they care about. At the same time they meet other young people who have similar interests. They make new friends, have fun, *gain experience*, confidence, develop their *sense of responsibility* and learn new skills that may be very useful in the future.

When the time comes to choose a carrier or to get a job, things may be easier because they already know the kind of tasks they are best at and which things they enjoy the most. Besides, the experience they acquired may be of great advantage when they write their CVs or go to job interviews.

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Task 2. Define whether the following statements are true or false.

	True	False
Eileen started being a volunteer when she left school.		
She is working as a volunteer but she would like to get a job.		
Young people work as volunteers because they feel happy with it.		
They believe grown-ups take them seriously.		
Volunteering won't help with future carrier.		
There is no need to mention about volunteering in your resume.		

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Task 3. Complete the following sentences according to the text

Eileen started working as a volunteer_____ago.

Instead of doing what most teens usually do, some young people prefer _____

They have the opportunity to get involved in issues they care about because_____

Task 4. Listen and complete the sentences

Being a volunteer is_____things you can do with your life. It's_____help other people. It's also very satisfying to know that you are not_____and are helping people who need help. Many of us could and should be out there doing voluntary_____kind. So many volunteer organizations need extra hands. It really is easy. _____ phone and offer your services. I think too many _____a lazy lifestyle. We just want to come home and watch TV. Life is much more interesting when you're a volunteer. I've found it really _____to how some people live. It's sometimes sad to see how the government lets people down, but at least I'm_____.

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