

## Saturday Jobs

### A. Proper Nouns

Matthew Wright, Lucy Speed, David Gorman, Anne Diamond

**Colleen** – answers the telephones on the television show

**Adele** – mom who called into the show

**Woolworth's** – a now defunct British department store

**Malvern Girl's College** – a leading co-educational independent (private) day and boarding *school* for boys and *girls* aged 13-18 located in *Malvern*, Worcestershire.

### B. Vocabulary

bunking off school   busted   dead-end   grotty   paper rounds   pervs   (to) screw someone up  
shame   smash up   sucked into   (do) the washing-up   to stack shelves   to weed out   truants  
under the counter   vice   volunteer   wage slave   worthwhile

### C. Vocabulary gap-fill exercise.

1. But first, do Saturday jobs \_\_\_\_\_, or is part-time work good for teenagers?
2. But then, you've got your whole life ahead of you to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Why not get your kids to spend Saturdays, studying, so they don't have to end up working in some \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ job for the rest of their lives, let alone at the weekends?
4. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ cardboard boxes on Saturdays in the basement of Woolworths for I think it was just under £15 a day.
5. Yet one in ten \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to work part-time.
6. The government, it has been revealed today, now wants every firm and employee that works with kids to be subjected to a criminal records' check to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of course.
7. I think, to be honest, that that's a brilliant thing to do. Certainly, a lot more fun than smashing up cardboard boxes, well a lot more \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I did have a Saturday job. I used \_\_\_\_\_ in a supermarket when I was a kid.
9. It sold illegal pornography \_\_\_\_\_, yes.
10. Later on, the man who owned the shop was eventually \_\_\_\_\_, a couple of years after I'd left it.
11. He was the \_\_\_\_\_-captain of the golf club, so the headline was 'Vice-captain in vice \_\_\_\_\_'.

12. I did a Saturday job, actually I did a lot of babysitting which was great and I did \_\_\_\_\_ at Malvern Girls' College on Tuesday evenings.

13. Actually, my sister did a Saturday job at Marks and Spencer's and she was \_\_\_\_\_ their management training scheme and stayed with them for her career.

14. My daughter got a job herself, I never asked her to, and she does a few \_\_\_\_\_ and she works in a local shop and she isn't paid very much, but she's very respectful of money.

**D. Match the vocabulary word to its meaning. There are 19 words, but one word has two different meanings. Good luck!!**

	1. a shortened form of the word pervert
	2. an illegal activity
	3. those who are absent without permission
	4. <i>faire l'école buissonnière</i> ; to skip school; to play hooky
	5. someone whose life is completely dependent upon the money they earn
	6. to add or replace consumer products
	7. permitting no opportunity for progress or advancement
	8. a condition of disgrace or dishonor
	9. a specific form of pernicious conduct
	10. very unpleasant; miserable
	11. to injure or damage someone
	12. one who acts in the place of another
	13. an area (like a neighborhood) in which newspapers are delivered
	14. rewarding, meaningful
	15. to cause someone to become involved in something
	16. damage or destroy
	17. the dirty dishes after a meal
	18. someone who performs a task without pay
	19. placed under arrest
	20. to remove undesirable people or things from a group

**E. True or False?**

1. The one thing that Matthew Wright obtained from his Saturday job as a teenager was his love of cardboard.

2. Ten percent of older teenagers are skipping school to work part-time jobs.

3. Even though Lucy was a child actor, she did a volunteer job on Saturdays.

4. According to Lucy, if you put a child in a room in front of their homework, they will surely do it.
5. David Gorman was arrested for working in a video shop that sold illegal pornography.
6. David Gorman was forced to work in a supermarket because his family needed the money.
7. Anne is thinking of making all four of her children do Saturday jobs.
8. Anne's sister worked for Marks & Spencer on Saturdays for her entire career.
9. Anne was a dishwasher at a Girl's school on Tuesday mornings.
10. Colleen's daughter does two paper rounds every day.

#### **F. The hard stuff!**

1. What was Lucy's regular childhood job? (1 word)
2. What do companies that hire young people have to do with their adult employees? (3 words)
3. Even though Lucy was a child actor, what did she do on Saturdays? (3 words)
4. What was Lucy's Saturday job? (6 words)
5. Who worked in a grocery store? (2 words)
6. What, according to his parents, was the priority in David Gorman's house when he was a teenager? (1 word)
7. Which guest worked in a university kitchen cleaning dishes? (2 words)
8. Which guest was a babysitter? (2 words)
9. Which guest made a joke about Matthew's love of cardboard? (2 words)
10. How often does Adele's daughter deliver newspapers? (2 words)

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