3.1 VOCABULARY

TALKING ABOUT TIME AND MONEY

A **Work in pairs. Put the words and phrases in the box into the correct column in the chart.**

afford	quality of life	cost of living	trade	value	lifestyle
boost	take a salary cut	balance	time well spent	standard of living	be worth it

Nouns	Noun phrases	Verbs	Verb phrases

B **Work individually. Use the words and phrases from exercise A to complete the conversation below. Be sure to use the correct verb forms.**



Zoe What's wrong? You don't look very happy.

Alma I've been working a lot. The [1] _____ (noun phrase) keeps going up and up, so I have to work more and more just so I can [2] _____ (verb) *to pay my rent*!

Zoe You can't just work all the time. You have to find a [3] _____ (noun) in your life.

Alma What do you mean?

Zoe Well, I [4] _____ (verb phrase) so that I can work fewer hours and *spend more time with my family.*

Alma Really?

Zoe Yes. I decided to [5] _____ (verb) more money for a better [6] _____ (noun phrase). I think it [7] _____ (verb phrase)!

Alma Can you have a good [8] _____ (noun phrase) with less money?

Zoe Definitely! I have a much more relaxed [9] _____ (noun) now. I have time to do things I enjoy that don't cost a lot of money, like *taking my kids to the park*. If you work all the time, you can't enjoy life.

Alma I [10] _____ (verb) your advice. You've really given me something to think about!

C **Work in pairs. Practice reading the conversation with your partner.**

D **Work in pairs. Practice reading the conversation again. This time, use your own ideas instead of the phrases in *italics*.**

LIVEWORKSHEETS