

3.1 VOCABULARY

TALKING ABOUT TIME AND MONEY

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

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

B 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 _____ to pay my rent!
(verb)

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

Alma What do you mean?

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

Alma Really?

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

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

Zoe Definitely! I have a much more relaxed ⁹ _____ now. I have time to do things
(noun)
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 _____ your advice. You've really given me something to think about!
(verb)

