

READING

6.4

Summer jobs • compound nouns
• word families



Sylvie

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I'm adaptable, sensitive and good at listening to people of all ages. I don't get stressed about unexpected things. I can put up with working long hours, but I don't like water sports.

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ALEXANDER

I live close to the ocean and am dedicated to water sports. I'd like a demanding job because I find repetitive jobs boring. I'm not keen on children and I have a dog.



Mia

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I'd like a job where I can be active. I love water sports and am good at problem-solving. I get on well with children, but I'm scared of dogs. Free accommodation would be great.

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Felix

I'd like to live somewhere new, but I don't have money for a flat. I'm active, spend lots of time outdoors and love water sports. I enjoy being alone and jobs which aren't too challenging. I haven't worked with kids.



GLOSSARY

first aid (n) – simple medical treatment given straight after an accident

to rescue (v) – to save someone or something from danger

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Looking for a summer **job**?

Read on to find out about the most popular summer work for teenagers.

A LIFEGUARD

Being a lifeguard is the perfect way to spend time on the beach and learn new skills like first aid* and water rescue*. You must be a strong swimmer to cope with big waves, and a reliable person. It's a serious job and you don't know what's going to happen each day. It's only for those who have a passion for water. You also need to live near the coast.

B CAMP COUNSELLOR*

Are you a good leader? Do you find it easy to make decisions? The camp counsellor job involves organising activities as well as helping children with any problems, so it's essential you are caring. This job is well-paid and accommodation is included, but you have to be ready for anything. You must be hard-working and be ready to work with adults and children.

C WINDSURFING INSTRUCTOR

If you already have some skills, then take a course and become a windsurfing instructor. You need to be patient as most people you teach will be beginners. You also have to be sociable because you are going to work with adults and kids all day long. If you live near a lake or sea then this is a good job for you.

D PET SITTER

Taking care of people's pets when they go on holiday is a great summer job for animal lovers. You need to be active as the job can include walking dogs and cleaning animal cages*. The pay isn't great, but sometimes you can live for free in the same house as the animals you are looking after, so it is possible to save some money.

E GARDENER

Another option for nature-lovers is looking after people's gardens when they go on holiday, or helping them if they are too busy at work. It's important that you know about different plants and trees and how to care for them. There's plenty of alone-time in this job, so it's good for quiet people.

F ACTIVITY LEADER

You have to love kids to do this job. You also need to be good at a wide variety of different sports and activities such as volleyball and painting. This job is for active and adventurous people only. So, if swimming in a river is not your favourite activity, then this is not the job for you. The money isn't great, but accommodation is usually free.

counsellor (n) – a job where someone gives advice and helps people with their problems

camp (n) – a place where children go to have fun with other children, usually for a week or two. It's a place where they can do lots of different activities, such as swimming, climbing, and playing sports.

windsurfing (n) – a sport that involves using a sail to move across the water on a board. It's a bit like surfing, but you're not standing on the board. You're sitting on a seat and holding onto a bar that's attached to the sail.

garden (n) – a piece of land that is used for growing plants and flowers. It's usually in a garden, but it can also be in a park or a field.

activity (n) – a thing that you do for fun or exercise. It can be anything from playing sports to reading a book.

leader (n) – a person who is in charge of a group of people. They are responsible for making sure that everyone follows the rules and does what they are supposed to do.

alone (adj) – not with other people. It means that you are by yourself, without anyone else around.

quiet (adj) – not noisy or loud. It means that there is not much sound or activity.

money (n) – the currency used in a country. It's what you use to buy things and pay for services.

accommodation (n) – a place where you can stay overnight. It's usually a room in a house or a hotel.

free (adj) – not costing anything. It means that you don't have to pay for something.

save (v) – to keep money or time for later use. It means that you are not spending it right now, but you are keeping it for when you need it.

possible (adj) – something that can happen or be done. It means that it's not impossible, but it's not guaranteed either.

holiday (n) – a period of time when you don't have to work or go to school. It's a time when you can relax and have fun.

work (n) – a job or task that you have to do. It's something that you have to pay for or do for someone else.

patient (adj) – someone who is calm and doesn't get angry easily. It means that they can handle difficult situations without getting upset.

adult (n) – a person who is not a child. It's someone who is 18 years old or older.

children (n) – young people who are not adults. It's someone who is under 18 years old.

problem (n) – a difficult situation or challenge that you have to deal with. It's something that you don't know how to solve or fix.

beginner (n) – someone who is new to a sport or activity. It's someone who hasn't done it before or doesn't know much about it.

adults (n) – people who are not children. It's someone who is 18 years old or older.

sociable (adj) – someone who likes to be around other people. It means that they enjoy socializing and interacting with others.

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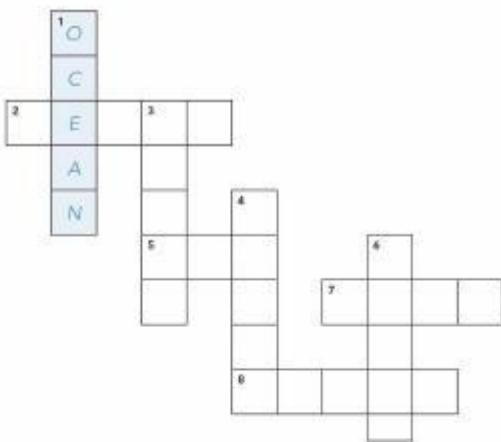
1 Four teenagers are looking for summer jobs. Read the texts and match each person 1–4 to a suitable job A–F. There are two extra jobs.

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2 Read the texts again. Are statements 1–8 true (T) or false (F)?

1 Pet sitters have to sleep with the animals they look after.
2 Camp counsellors work with kids, but older people too.
3 Working as a gardener is a good job for introverted people.
4 You learn how to deal with accidents when you work as a lifeguard.
5 Lifeguards follow the same routine every day.
6 Teaching people how to windsurf is a repetitive job.
7 Activity leaders have to pay for a place to stay.
8 Camp counsellors can make quite a lot of money.

3 Read the clues and complete the crossword. Use the underlined words in the texts to help.



Across

2 an area of sand or small stones at the edge of the sea or a lake
5 bigger than a lake; smaller than an ocean
7 a large area of water surrounded by land
8 e.g. the Nile, the Amazon

Down

1 e.g. the Pacific, the Atlantic
3 the area where the land meets the sea
4 H₂O
6 movements of water that surfers can surf on across the sea

REMEMBER BETTER

You can record some groups of words on lines to show their relationship in terms of an increasing/decreasing quality or chronological order.

Put the words from the box in the right place on the line.

(ocean lake sea swimming-pool)

small – swimming pool – _____ – _____ – big

VOCABULARY PRACTICE | Compound nouns

4 Look at the vocabulary in lesson 6.4 in the Student's Book. Complete the sentences with compound nouns. Use the words in brackets to help you.

I think being a fire-fighter (FIGHT) is one of the most dangerous jobs. They don't only rescue cats from trees, you know.

1 We are making no progress with this project. Who is the _____ (DECISION) in this group?
2 Greg's a _____ (SOCIAL). He helps care for people with mental illness.
3 I love computers and computer programming and one day I hope to work as a _____ (SOFTWARE).
4 Adam's a real _____ (NATURE). He really enjoys being outdoors in forests and climbing mountains.
5 Why don't you ask Mandy for advice? She's the best _____ (PROBLEM) I know.

WORD STORE 6E | Word families

5 Complete each pair of sentences with the correct form of the word from the box. There is one extra word.

(charm competition determination
logic peace reliance)

a It's so peaceful here during the nightshift. Much quieter than in the daytime.
b Isabella loves the peace in the countryside. She's thinking of leaving London.
1 a John is extremely _____ and can get angry if he doesn't win.
b Mandy Ferris wants to _____ in this year's Best Boss Competition. Do you think she can win?
2 a I met this really _____ guy yesterday. He's so polite and friendly. You'll love him!
b Marius has so much _____ that I usually do anything he asks me to do.
3 a Last week Matt was _____ to learn Hungarian. But after three lessons all his enthusiasm disappeared.
b To succeed in business you need a lot of _____ and good luck.
4 a You can't _____ on Adam. I asked him to meet me an hour ago and where is he?
b I've been trying to get a job for a long time, but I can't seem to get it.