READING TIME : UNIT 7 PREINTERMEDIATE 2

Read the article about a man who changed his job. answer the questions.

It's often said that money doesn't buy you happiness. Somebody who would definitely agree is thirty-eight-year-old Anthony, an ex-corporate lawyer who ***swapped*** *his high-flying city* ***lifestyle*** *for a much more relaxed way of life in the beautiful Welsh countryside. Here, Anthony tells us his story.*

I used to work for a big international law firm in London, dealing in corporate law. I worked really long hours but I didn't mind because everyone else I knew worked long hours, too, and we made up for it at the weekend! I had a pretty good life; I owned a great flat in a nice neighbourhood, ate out at the most fashionable (and expensive) restaurants and went **abroad** on holiday at least four times a year. But deep down I had a feeling that something was wrong, that I wasn't satisfied with something in my life.

Then about five years ago, I was visiting friends in the countryside and we walked past a farm advertised for sale. I can't really explain it, but as I stood there looking at it, I just knew that was where I **belonged** and needed to be. It sounds silly, but it was such a strong feeling I couldn't **ignore** it. So, I went back to London, **handed in my notice**, sold my flat, bought the farm and swapped my expensive suits for wellies!* It's not been an easy five years – I didn't know anything about farming so I've had to learn very quickly! I still work very long hours like I used to, but I find my work so satisfying. And I love the peace and quiet of the countryside.

*Wellingtons = waterproof, rubber boots

PART A

1 What type of restaurants did Anthony use to eat at?

2 How o en did he use to go on holiday?

3 How long has he been a farmer?

4 What did he buy in the countryside?

5 What did he exchange his suits for?

6 What does he like about the countryside?

PART B

Match the words and phrases in bold in the text with the words and phrases with a similar meaning 1–6.

1 the way you live – your activities, habits, job, etc. _____

2 exchanged _____

3 told his employer he was leaving his job _____

4 in or to a foreign country _____

5 felt happy and comfortable somewhere _____

6 pay no attention to something _____

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