

The Gig Economy and "Hustle Culture"

Name:

TASK 1: Imagine you had to earn €500 in three months, how would you earn it? Write down at least three realistic ideas.

TASK 2: Do you know what these companies do? Fill out the fact sheet about them. Use the example provided below.

	AirBnB lets people rent out places for other people to live.
	
	
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TASK 3: What do you value (vertini) more – getting something done or resting well? Write 3-4 sentences, give a reason why you prefer one over the other.

TASK 4: Use the tables below and your own knowledge and fill in the gaps with the proper forms of the verbs in brackets.

Past continuous

2.1 We form the past continuous with *was* or *were* + the *-ing* form of the verb.

Affirmative	Negative	Questions
I was playing	I wasn't playing	Was I playing?
you were playing	you weren't playing	Were you playing?
he / she / it was playing	he / she / it wasn't playing	Was he / she / it playing?
we / you / they were playing	we / you / they weren't playing	Were we / you / they playing?

Past perfect

7.4 We form the past perfect like this:

Affirmative
I'd / you'd / he'd / she'd / it'd gone
Full form
'd = had
Negative
I / you / he / she / it / we / you / they hadn't gone
Full form
hadn't = had not
Questions
Had I / you / he / she / it / we / you / they gone?
Short answers
Yes, I had. / No, she hadn't.

Past simple (affirmative)

1.1 The affirmative form of the past simple is the same for all persons, singular and plural (I, you, he, we, etc.).
I watched a football match last night.
She watched TV. They watched a DVD.

When 16-year-old Tomas _____ (start) following productivity influencers online, he _____ (not expect) his life to change so quickly. At first, he had only been looking for study tips, however, within a few weeks, his social media feed _____ (be) full of videos about "waking up at 5 a.m.", "building multiple income streams," and "never wasting a minute."

Tomas _____ (always/be) a good student, but suddenly that didn't feel like enough. While his classmates _____ (relax) after school, he was watching motivational videos and making detailed plans for his future. He wrote down ambitious goals: start a small online business, learn coding, go to the gym every day, read one book per week, and improve his English.

At first, he _____ (feel) excited. He told his best friend, "I finally know what I'm doing with my life." He said that successful people never rested and that he didn't want to be average.

Soon, his daily routine _____ (become) exhausting. He was waking up before sunrise and studying before school. In the afternoons, he was trying to manage a small online shop where he sold custom phone wallpapers. In the evenings, he was watching business podcasts while doing homework. His mother began to notice the change. One night, she asked him why he looked so tired. Tomas replied, "I'm just working hard." He insisted that everything was under control.

But it wasn't.

After three months, Tomas realized he hadn't spent time with his friends in weeks. He had stopped playing basketball, even though he had loved it since he was ten. His grades, surprisingly, had started to fall because he was constantly distracted and sleep-deprived.

One afternoon, while he _____ (prepare) content for his online shop, he suddenly felt overwhelmed. He had promised himself that he would never quit, but he couldn't focus. Later, he admitted that he had been pretending to feel motivated.

He told his friend, "I _____ (think) being busy meant being successful." He also confessed that he had felt guilty whenever he relaxed.

Eventually, Tomas decided to take a short break. At first, he was afraid that he was wasting time. However, after a few days, he began to feel calmer. He _____ (realize) that he had been chasing someone else's definition of success.

Looking back, Tomas said that hustle culture had made him believe that rest _____ (be) a weakness. Now he understands that working hard is important, but so is balance. He explained that he still has goals, but he no longer measures his value by how busy he is.

"I learned that I don't have to prove my worth every single day," he said.

- Introduction - introduce the topic, say your opinion
- Argument 1 + examples - give your first argument and examples
- Argument 2 + examples - give your second argument and examples
- Argument 3 + examples - give your third argument and examples
- Conclusion - restate what you think is better and mention why you think so using different words