


Part-time jobs • guessing meaning from context • emphasis • work • collocations

Who ...

- 1 works outside?
- 2 works with small kids?
- 3 does the job because he/she can't find anything else?
- 4 sometimes wears special clothes?
- 5 doesn't always earn the same amount of money?
- 6 sometimes works with other people?
- 7 works for different businesses?
- 8 can eat when he/she is working?

- 1  Read the texts and answer the questions. Write T (Tess), M (Matt) or S (Sylvie).

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Young people and ... money

How can you earn a bit of extra pocket money? Here are some ideas.

1

Tess, aged 20

I'm a student and, to earn a little bit of money, I do leafleting for local businesses. It's really dull work and quite tiring. I stand in the street all day on Saturday and give people leaflets for pizza restaurants, shops and children's play areas. Sometimes, the company I am working for gives me an outfit to put on – like a snail outfit for a French restaurant! I don't get paid much – £40 for a whole day. Sometimes, two of us work together. That's good because we can chat and laugh together.



2

Matt, aged 16

I live in a small town and there aren't many part-time jobs for people of my age. In fact, there aren't any. That's why I work for myself. I do tutoring. I'm very good at Maths and Sciences and a lot of children need help with these subjects. I go to their homes after school and help them with homework or revision. I only tutor one child a day so I still get home by 5 p.m. I earn different amounts from different people. Some of the families don't have much money, so I don't charge much – but I never do it for free! When I have a lot of school work or when exams are coming up, I take a week off.



3

Sylvie, aged 17

I don't have a regular job, but when I need money, I do babysitting. The great thing is that I can say 'Yes' or 'No'. It depends on what my plans are so I never miss any parties or concerts. I always work in the evening and it isn't hard work at all. The children I look after are asleep or getting ready for bed when I arrive. I tell them a story, switch their lights off and, after that, I can just sit and watch television. There is even food for me to eat and, for four hours, I earn £24.



GLOSSARY

businesses (n, pl) – companies or organisations that sell something or offer a service; firmy

amounts (n, pl) – quantities of something such as time, money, or a substance; ilości, sumy

miss (v) – not do something or go somewhere because you can't for some reason; stracić sposobność, okazać (zrobienia czegoś)

2 Look at the underlined words in the text. Decide what part of speech they are: A (adjective), N (noun) or V (verb).

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|------------|---|---|---|
| 1 dull | A | N | V |
| 2 outfit | A | N | V |
| 3 revision | A | N | V |
| 4 charge | A | N | V |
| 5 regular | A | N | V |
| 6 depends | A | N | V |

3 Choose the correct meaning for the words in Exercise 2.

- It's really dull work.
 - It's very interesting work.
 - It's very boring work.
- Sometimes, companies give me an outfit to put on.
 - Sometimes, companies give me some special clothes to wear.
 - Sometimes, companies give me something to hold up and show people.
- I help them with homework or revision.
 - I help them with homework or project work.
 - I help them with homework or studying for exams.
- I don't charge so much.
 - I don't take so much money.
 - I don't work so hard.
- I don't have a regular job.
 - My job is different to other people's.
 - I don't work at the same time, on the same day every week.
- It depends on what my plans are.
 - After I make my plans, I decide when I can work.
 - After I get work, I make my plans for my free time.

4 Complete the dialogues with the words from Exercise 2. Change the form of the words if necessary.

Conversation 1

Peter: How much do you charge for your lessons?
 Matt: That _____ on how rich the family is.

Conversation 2

Cath: Who are you working for today, Tess?
 Tess: An Italian restaurant. I'm lucky. John's over there in the funny _____ but they've only got one.
 Cath: What is it?
 Tess: I'm not sure. I think it's some kind of pasta.

Conversation 3

Emma: Do you really like babysitting, Sylvie?
 Sylvie: Yes, I love it. Why, don't you?
 Emma: No, it's really ¹_____. Nothing happens. I hate watching TV. And sometimes I work on Friday evenings, sometimes on Saturdays. I'd like to work ²_____ hours – and not in the evening.
 Sylvie: Take your school books. You can do your ³_____ and get paid for it!

REMEMBER BETTER

Znaczenia słów i ich wymowy należy uczyć się jednocześnie. Do tego celu przydatne są słowniki internetowe, które podają wymowę słów zarówno w formie ustnej (nagrania dźwiękowego), jak i pisemnej (transkrypcji fonetycznej). Często podają one również wymowę brytyjską i amerykańską danego słowa.

REMEMBER THIS

Aby podkreślić jakiś aspekt przekazywanej informacji, możemy użyć tzw. partykuł wzmacniających (*intensifiers*), np. **very, at all, just, even, in fact, whole**, itd.

Porównaj: *I'm tired* – *I'm very tired*.

5 Read REMEMBER THIS. Find these phrases in the text and complete the missing words.

- ... £40 for a _____ day
- _____, there aren't any.
- ... it isn't hard work _____ .
- There is _____ food for me to eat.
- I can _____ sit and watch television.

6 Complete the text with one word in each gap to make the meaning stronger.

Meg: What's wrong?
 Tina: Oh, it's the World Cup. Jake talks about it the whole time. We don't go out ¹_____ .
 Meg: Well, it's only for a month. Why don't you watch a few matches? You might enjoy it.
 Tina: I watch quite a few matches but Jake doesn't ²_____ know I'm there. He ³_____ sits there looking at the television.
 Meg: Simon's completely different. He doesn't really like any sports. ⁴_____ , he always complains about me when we're out because I usually spend the ⁵_____ time looking at my mobile phone.
 Tina: Oh well, that's different. Mobile phones are important!

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7 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. The first letters are given.

- They make chairs and other furniture in that **f**actory.
- Sandra is a nurse. Her job is **d**_____ and she works very hard.
 - I need more money – that's why I'm looking for a job with a good **s**_____ .
 - The assistants at this shop always speak politely to the **c**_____ .
 - My uncle Max is a headteacher – he's **r**_____ for organising school leaving exams in his school.
 - My parents prefer to pay more money and buy products that are of good **q**_____ .

FOCUS ON WORDS | Collocations

8 Put the words in the correct order.

- I / salary / earn / a / don't / very / good
I don't earn a very good salary.
- you / a lot / money / a shop assistant / of / as / earn / Do _____ ?
 - enough / his needs / doesn't / My brother / earn / for _____ .
 - £100 / earn / about / I / a week _____ .
 - earn / living / How / does / her / Mrs Fisher _____ ?
 - wants / Paul / a new computer / some / to pay / to / earn / money / for _____ .