

Working for a living

- 1 Teenagers want money, and the easiest way to get money, is to get a job. However, how each person sees a job varies.
- I asked six teens if they would take a \$10.00 an hour job as a janitor. Their answers varied. There were two conflicting elements : \$10.00 an
- 5 hour, which is seen as good, and being a janitor which is hardly the greatest job in the world. This question asked which was more significant : the money or the job. For most, it was the money. \$10 an hour is a lot for a teenager, but for Jackie and Meredith the money didn't overshadow the job. Even still, they all wanted a job.
- 10 **Working means money, of course teens want jobs**
- Out of all the teens I interviewed all either wanted a job or already had one. Nowadays, jobs are needed more than ever. Everything costs money, and we are starting to understand that. Most of us get jobs just for " pocket change ", so that we can just go out and get that outfit that we've always
- 15 wanted, for a burger at McDonald's, for our hair, CDs, tapes, shoes, jewelry, and tons more material items.
- But some of us get jobs because we need to pay for our books or transportation. Many teens have to pay for their phone bills and lunches.
- Teens normally don't take jobs that require a lot of thinking, skill, or
- 20 physical requirements. Most teens see jobs as something on the side. We don't go around constantly talking about our jobs. We are there simply for that paycheck. Some of us do look at it as a learning experience. Tennille, 16-years-old and who works at a cleaning store, said, " Yes, it's helping me with my customer service skills. "
- 25 **Why get a job, anyway ?**
- However, Nicole, 15-years-old, depends on the money she makes. She needs the money for her tuition in order to go to the school of her choice.
- Jobs are out there for teens, and it's as competitive as it is for adults. Usually, the most qualified gets the job. So, it is important for teens to gain
- 30 skill and knowledge through school before you get a job.

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Lexique

<u>a janitor</u>	: un gardien, un concierge
<u>to overshadow</u>	: éclipser
<u>to require</u>	: nécessiter

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COMPRÉHENSION DU TEXTE / 10 pts

1. Cocher la bonne réponse :

BEP : 3 pts
CAP : 4 pts

- a) Nadine Carr is a reporter
 a sociologist
 a schoolgirl
 a teacher
- b) Nadine Carr lives in Great Britain
 South Africa
 England
 the USA
- c) The article is about children and leisure activities
 teenagers and jobs
 women and unemployment
 adults and work

2. Dire si les affirmations suivantes sont vraies (TRUE) ou fausses (FALSE)) en mettant une croix dans la bonne case. Justifier chacune des réponses à l'aide d'une phrase ou d'une expression du texte appropriée.

BEP : 4 pts
CAP : 6 pts

a) Nearly all teenagers work to get pocket money.

b) Young people enjoy jobs which ask for physical or intellectual efforts.

c) Some teenagers work for other reasons than money only.

d) Getting a job is easier for young people than it is for adults.

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BEP uniquement :

3. Trouver dans le texte les mots ou expressions équivalents à :

3 pts

- salary : _____
- competence : _____
- we don't just talk about our work : _____

- there are job opportunities for youngsters : _____

EXPRESSION EN ANGLAIS / 10 pts

A - COMPÉTENCE LINGUISTIQUE

1. Mettre les adjectifs entre parenthèses au superlatif :

BEP : 3 pts
CAP : 3 pts

Getting a job is the _____ (good) way to make money for a teenager. With the money they earn, they can buy the _____ (late) CDs and the _____ (fashionable) clothes.

2. Compléter le dialogue avec l'auxiliaire modal qui convient :

BEP et CAP : 3 pts

should - can - couldn't - shouldn't - have to - can't

Nadine : Hello, Nicole ! _____ I ask you a few questions, please ?

Nicole : Sure ! What would you like to know ?

Nadine : Why do you work ?

Nicole : I _____ work because I need the money for my tuition.

Nadine : When did you start working ?

Nicole : I started last summer. I _____ find a job before because I was too young.

