

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... a minimum wage | a. a small amount of money that children are given by their parents |
| 2..... pocket money | b. a service from a bank where you can leave your money and take it out again when you need it |
| 3..... part-time | c. housework tasks |
| 4..... a bank account | d. (about a job) for a short or limited time, not permanent |
| 5..... chores | e. a situation which does not follow the general rule |
| 6..... an exception | f. the lowest amount of money that a worker is allowed to earn, according to the law |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | The average amount of pocket money for eight- to fifteen-year-olds in the UK is about £100 a month. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | About 15 per cent of British teenagers work to earn money. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Young people sometimes look after children to earn money. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | There isn't a minimum wage for workers under 18. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Some parents pay money directly into their child's bank account. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Some banks have a special bank card for young people. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: grouping

Write the words in the correct group.

babysitting	washing up	delivering newspapers	ironing
working in a restaurant	cleaning your bedroom	shop work	taking out the rubbish

chores	jobs

3. Check your understanding: matching

Match to make correct sentences about the text and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

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| 1..... Many children | a. earns £5 an hour. |
| 2..... Some young people help | b. save at least a quarter of their pocket money. |
| 3..... Chris | c. spends money on clothes. |
| 4..... Sam | d. gets pocket money on Saturdays. |
| 5..... Amber | e. saves money in her piggy bank at home. |
| 6..... Jana | f. with jobs at home to earn their pocket money. |
| 7..... Charlie | g. has a bank account. |
| 8..... Ruth | h. works as a babysitter. |

Discussion

Do you get pocket money from your parents or do you work to earn money?

How much do you think teenagers should get for pocket money each week?

What do you spend your money on?