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.

1. a minimum wage
2. pocket money
3. part-time
4. a bank account
5. chores
6. an exception

a. a small amount of money that children are given by their parents
b. a service from a bank where you can leave your money and take it out again when you need it
c. housework tasks
d. (about a job) for a short or limited time, not permanent
e. a situation which does not follow the general rule
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.

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

Write the words in the correct group.

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3. Check your understanding: matching

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

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?