

THEME 1 FUTURE JOBS LISTENING SKILL

A. Listen to Tailynn and Austin talking about their summer plans. (Track 1)

Tailynn: So Austin, what are you planning to do on your vacation?

Austin: Oh, I am going to do something different in the first month. My cousin, Joe, and I will be travelling across Europe by train in June. We haven't fixed upon the countries yet but we will probably make it France, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Spain.

Tailynn: Woww! Your plan sounds amazing. I'm sure you will be tickled to death with Joe. Lucky you!

Austin: What about you Tailynn? Are you doing anything exciting this summer?

Tailynn: Me? Well, I'd love to go and lie on a beach somewhere, but I need to save money for school. I saw an ad on the Net. I have already applied for it and they have taken me on.

Austin: Oh, really? What is it exactly?

Tailynn: A door-to-door salesperson to sell Toddy's electronic accessories. Teens love this brand and it sells like hotcakes. So, I will be selling headphones, pen drives, chargers, cases and so on by next summer.

Austin: Will you? I'm really pleased for you. Are you going to work full-time or part-time?

Tailynn: Full-time. I will probably start at 10.00 a.m. They will let me know the area that I am going to be responsible for. They expect me to visit almost 30 customers per day.

Austin: 30 customers? That's a lot.

Tailynn: Oh, it's OK. I'll inform them about the products, prices, new offers and promotions. I'll also report the customers' complaints or requests to the employer. Finally I'll cash up and grant the Money before I go home in the evening.

Austin: Oh, poor you! If you keep working such long hours without a holiday, you will burn out. However, I am sure you will get ahead because most entrepreneurs start their careers with jobs like this.

Tailynn: I don't mind working long hours if the pay is good.

Austin: Listen! Do you think there is something for me on the Net for July and August?

Tailynn: (laughs) Ahahah. Let's check the job ads.

a. Tick Tailynn's summer job tasks.

1. She will visit nearly 10 people a day.
2. She will let people know the details of the products.
3. She will sell the products.
4. She will report customers' complaints and requests.
5. She will grant the money at the end of the week.

b. Listen to the conversation again to fill in the blanks.

1. We will be travelling across Europe by train in June but we haven't fixed _____ the countries yet.
2. I have already applied for the job and they have taken me _____ .
3. Finally, I'll cash _____ and grant the money before I go home in the evening.
4. If you keep working such long hours without a holiday, you will burn _____ .
5. However, I am sure you will get _____

c. Choose the correct options.

1. Austin and his cousin *have* / *haven't* decided on the countries they are going to travel.
2. Tailynn *is* / *isn't* going to have a holiday on the beach.
3. Tailynn found a job ad in *a newspaper* / on *the Net*.

4. They *have* / *haven't* employed Tailynn.

5. Austin thinks Tailynn's future job *will* / *won't* be tiring.

B. Listen the dialogue and tick the wrong options in each one. (Track 5)

Austin: Good afternoon, Ms Brooks. I'm Austin Hensley. I am here for the position you advertised online.

Manager: Nice to meet you Austin. Please come in and take a seat.

Austin: Thank you.

Manager: So, Austin. Looking at your CV, you are a student at Edinburgh College of Art, aren't you?

Austin: Yes, I am a 3rd grade student at university and I will be graduating next year. I am looking for a temporary summer job.

Manager: Why do you think you are the right person for the job?

Austin: Well, I know this city very well. I am considered to be friendly and sociable and get along well with people from other countries. Oh, I am also really into history and culture. I suppose I have a good sense of geography. And I speak Spanish fluently.

Manager: That's perfect because this job will involve greeting foreign students, interpreting and introducing nature attractions and historic sites to them. Have you got any experience of this type of work?

Austin: I had a part-time job at the information desk at Edinburgh Airport last summer. I picked up a lot of experience in working with different people.

Manager: OK. Good, Austin. Selling tickets and organising tours are physically demanding and the hours are really long. Sometimes you will be working evening shifts or 7 days a week. I mean you will be burning the candle at both ends.

Austin: No problem. I'm flexible, punctual and organized. And I'll work to tight deadlines.

Manager: Well, everything seems great. Are there any questions you'd like to ask us?

Austin: Not a question but there is just one thing I have to mention. Unfortunately, I won't be available to start in June as I will be travelling across Europe then.

Manager: I see... OK... How about June 30th, Friday?

Austin: Thank you Ms Brooks, you won't be sorry. But I'd prefer July 3rd to start if that's alright with you.

Manager: OK then. See you

1. Austin

a. is looking for a permanent job

c. will be studying at university next year

b. studies at Edinburgh College of Art

d. knows the city very well

2. What skills does Austin have?

a. being friendly and sociable

c. good knowledge of history and geography

b. speaking French

d. excellent computer skill

3. What are the main tasks of Austin's job?

a. welcoming tourists & translating

c. helping tourists do shopping

b. selling tickets and organising tours

d. doing sightseeing

4. Why will he burn the candle at both ends?

a. He will drive long distances.

c. There are evening shifts.

b. The working hours are very long.

d. He will work 7 days a week.

5. Austin is

a. flexible

b. imaginative

c. organized

d. punctual

6. When will he be available to start?

a. July 3rd

b. June 30th

c. First Monday in July

d. Monday morning