

# WORK EXPE- RIENCES

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# AFTER SCHOOL JOBS

February

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

ST. MATTHIAS  
Got up at 6 O'clock for my paperround. I have got Elm Tree Avenue. It is dead posh.  
All the papers they read are very heavy: THE TIMES, THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, and  
THE GUARDIAN. Just my luck! Bert said Sabre is better, he tried to bite the milkman.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Bed early because of my paperround.  
Delivered twenty-five PUNCHES as well as the papers.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

The papers got mixed up today. Elm Tree Avenue got THE SUN and THE MIRROR and  
Corporation Row got heavy papers. I don't know why everybody went so mad. You'd think  
they would enjoy reading a different paper for a change.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

LAST QUARTER  
Early this morning I saw Pandora walking down the drive of 69 Elm Tree Avenue. She had a  
riding hat and jodhpurs<sup>(1)</sup> on so she couldn't have been on her way to school. I didn't let her  
see me. I don't want her to know that I'm doing a menial job. [...]

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

[...] People complained because the papers were late. I had a GUARDIAN left over in my  
paper bag so I took it home to read. It was full of spelling mistakes! It is disgusting when  
you think of how many people who can spell are out of work.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

SUE TOWNSEND, *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 ¾*, Harpertextempst, 1982

## VOCABULARY HELP

NOUNS	ADJECTIVES	VERBS AND EXPRESSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unemployment = <i>le chômage</i></li> <li>pocket money</li> <li>abilities = skills = <i>les aptitudes, les compétences</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-enhancing = <i>valorisant</i></li> <li>independent</li> <li>angry at</li> <li>disappointed</li> <li>efficient = <i>efficace</i></li> <li>hard-working = <i>industrious</i></li> <li>in need = <i>dans le besoin</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be unemployed = out of work = <i>être au chômage</i></li> <li>have a part-time job</li> <li>work after school</li> <li>deliver papers = <i>livrer des journaux</i></li> <li>agree with ≠ disagree with</li> <li>be proud of (= <i>être fier de</i>) ≠ be ashamed of (<i>avoir honte de</i>)</li> <li>complain = <i>se plaindre</i></li> <li>have no choice</li> <li>make a mistake = <i>faire une erreur</i></li> <li>give importance to</li> <li>rely on = <i>compter sur</i></li> <li>be short of money = <i>être à court d'argent</i></li> </ul>

(1) culottes de cheval

# EXPLOITATION

## AFTER SCHOOL JOBS

### 1 BEFORE YOU READ THE TEXT

1 What type of document is it? Tick the appropriate answer.

- It's an extract from a newspaper.
- It's an extract from a novel.
- It's an extract from a magazine.
- It's an extract from a diary (a diary is a book in which you write about your life, your feelings, your dreams, etc.).

2 What is the main character's name?

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3 How old is he?

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### 2 ON THE TEXT

1 Explain what job Adrian is doing.

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2 What are *The Times*, *The Daily telegraph*, *The Guardian*, *Punches*, *The Sun*, and *The Mirror*?

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3 Elm Tree Avenue is "dead posh" means that:

- Elm Tree Avenue is in a nice and rich neighbourhood.
- Elm Tree Avenue is in a poor neighbourhood.

4 Tick the appropriate answer:

- The milkman is somebody who milks the cows.
- The milkman is somebody who delivers (= *livre*) milk to people's houses every morning.

5 Guess who Sabre is.

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6 What problem did Adrian face on February 26<sup>th</sup>?

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7 How did people react? Quote the text.

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8 What does Adrian think these people should do?

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9 What was Pandora about to do when Adrian saw her on February, 27<sup>th</sup>?

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10 Why didn't Adrian want Pandora to see him?

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11 Translate the expression "menial job" in French.

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EXPLOITATION

AFTER SCHOOL JOBS

12 What problem did Adrian face on February, 28<sup>th</sup>?

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13 True or false? Tick the appropriate answer and justify by quoting from the text.

◆ According to Adrian, *The Guardian* is full of spelling mistakes (= *des fautes d'orthographe*).

True /  False .....

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◆ Adrian thinks it's not a problem if there are mistakes in *The Guardian*.

True /  False .....

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3 FURTHER QUESTIONS

1 Do you agree with Adrian when he says that he's doing a menial job?

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2 Why do you think Adrian is delivering papers? In your opinion, does he enjoy doing it?

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3 Do you believe the vision people have on jobs influences us?

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