

Self-employed Unit 2 Laura: Section 2

Activities/worksheets

Introduction

You are going to listen to an interview with a self-employed person, Laura, who is from Ecuador. Laura now lives in London with her family. She is a self-employed domestic cleaner. Laura talks about her job, what is involved and why she is a self-employed domestic cleaner.

You will use your listening skills to correct mistakes and answer questions. You will form questions and practise saying key words. You will also read and write notes, complete web/research activities and have the opportunity to discuss and voice your opinions on the blog. Most of all, you will be able to learn what it's really like to be a self-employed domestic cleaner in the UK.

The first activity is a web search activity. If you do not have access to computers, you may want to read the answers to this activity. You can also jump to the second activity.

The interview with Laura is divided into two sections. Please read 'Before you listen!' first. Then complete the listening activities.

Before you listen!

It is a good idea to have a dictionary so that you can find the meanings to new words. It is also very helpful to have a pen/pencil and notebook. You can write lists of words or phrases you have learned. You can then practise the new words/phrases. If you practise a lot, you can remember them!

Before you listen, you can choose to learn the easier way or the harder way.

The easier way:

Look at the activities before you listen.

Use a dictionary to find meanings to words you don't understand.

Then listen to the interview.

Listen to parts of the interview separately.

Listen to the interview for as many times as you need to.

Read the transcript after you have listened.

Then do the activities.

The harder way:

Listen to the interview.

Only listen to the whole interview once.

Do the activities.

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Worksheet 2d: First listening

In this section of the interview with Laura, she talks about her work cleaning houses. Listen to the interview and circle the best answer.

1. What do her clients' notes usually tell Laura?
 - A. where her money is
 - B. what needs cleaning
 - C. how to use equipment

2. Laura says her job
 - A. suits her because of family life.
 - B. leaves her no time for family.
 - C. keeps her very fit and healthy.

2. The hardest part of Laura's job is
 - A. working such long hours.
 - B. understanding the notes.
 - C. speaking English to clients.

3. In 5 years, Laura hopes to
 - A. run her own cleaning business.
 - B. be employed as a cleaner.
 - C. start an employment agency.

5. What's the best way to describe Laura's clients?
 - A. ordinary
 - B. unfriendly
 - C. sympathetic

4. Laura finds clients through
 - A. word of mouth.
 - B. newspaper ads.
 - C. asking directly.

5. Laura knows her clients are happy because
 - A. they miss her when she's not there.
 - B. they have stopped complaining.
 - C. she makes sure she asks them.

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Worksheet 2e: Second listening

Listen to the interview with Laura again. The interviewer, Trudie, says these words. As you listen, write one word in each gap, e.g. 1).... 2)... **tell** 3) ... : Can you **tell** me.

1. _____ leave _____ notes
2. _____ finish _____ job
3. _____ fits _____ with
4. _____ like _____ about
5. _____ anything _____ don't
6. _____ difficult _____ of
7. _____ understand _____ .
8. _____ other _____ ?
9. _____ luck _____ that
10. _____ client _____ yours
11. _____ example _____ go
12. _____ happy _____ your

