

Authentic Listening

Figures show under-age children doing paid work

1. What is the legal age when children can get a job in your country?
2. Are there any laws to regulate children's working hours and kind of job they do?
3. How old were you when you got your first job? What kind of job was it?
4. What are some of the benefits of having a job while still at school?



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Listen to the recording and answer the following questions:

[1] According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, how many 5 to 14 year old children were engaged in paid employment last year?

[2] Which 2 states or territories of Australia have the highest number of children in paid employment?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NSW | <input type="checkbox"/> The Northern Territory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria | <input type="checkbox"/> Queensland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> Tasmania |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> The Australian Capital Territory |

Fill in the gaps with no more than 2 words or numbers

Most children are engaged in ^[3] _____, gardening and ^[4] _____ delivering. Over 50 percent of the children work for an ^[5] _____, while ^[6] _____ help out the family, working for a family farm or family ^[7] _____. However, according to Dr Michael Carr-Gregg children should not be working more than ^[8] _____ to ^[9] _____ hours.

Answer the following questions (you don't need to use the exact words from the recording):

List the three benefits that part-time work brings to children, according to Dr Michael Carr-Gregg?

[10] _____

[11] _____

[12] _____

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True, False or Not Given?

- [13] _____ Dr Mark Zirnsak from the Uniting Church thinks that children should be provided with pocket money so that they don't have to work.
- [14] _____ Some young children are primary bread winners in the family.
- [15] _____ Dr Mark Zirnsak thinks there should be stricter regulations on children's work.
- [16] _____ One way to address the issue is, according to Dr Mark Zirnsak, to make sure families should not rely on their children to make ends meet.
- [17] _____ There are clear policies for schools to follow if children are underperforming due to work they undertake.



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