

Optional Reading Task: Level 3 Waiter's Job

WAITER

Waiters can work in a restaurant, café or hotel, on the floor waiting tables. Sometimes they are also required to assist behind the bar.

It is busy, exciting work and suits someone who has lots of energy and good communication and customer service skills. Depending on the type of business you are working in, you may have to work shifts involving both nights and weekends, but the flexibility of a variable working week is often considered a drawcard for people in this industry.

The skills you need as a waiter are very portable and in demand, so skills gained on the job and by formal training provide lots of opportunities to travel and gain employment overseas.

1. Retell this text in your own words.

Then write your answers to the following questions:

2. What sort of person would be best suited for this job?

3. What is considered a 'drawcard' for some people?

4. What is meant by 'portable skills'?

5. Would it help to have good maths, if you are a waiter? Read out the part in the text that makes you think this.

6. Why do you think we don't see many older waiters?

Optional Reading Task: Level 3 Father and Son

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A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father when they could discuss his use of the family car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You get better marks at college, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've got better marks and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

The Dad replied:

"Did you also notice they all had to walk everywhere they went?"

Write your answers to these questions:

1. What prompted this discussion between the father and son?

2. What 3 things did the father want his son to do?

3. In general, how would you describe the relationship between the father and son?

4. What is your opinion of the Dad's reply?

5. How do you think the son would have reacted?

Optional Reading Task: Level 3 Scam Warning

Australians lose \$45 million to scams

This year Australians have lost around \$45 million to scammers. People are being warned not to send money or personal details to strangers. Scams succeed because they look like the real thing and catch you off guard when you're not expecting it.

Scams target people of all backgrounds, ages and income levels across Australia. There's no one group of people who are more likely to become a victim of a scam and all of us may be vulnerable to a scam at some time.

How to Avoid Being Scammed

Be alert to offers from strangers: Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

- **Know who you're dealing with:** If you've only ever met someone online, do a Google search about them or their company.
- **Do not open suspicious texts, pop-up windows or emails** – delete them.
- **Beware of any requests for your details or money:** Never send money or give credit card details, online account details to anyone you don't know or trust.
- **Keep your personal details secure:** Keep your passwords and pin numbers in a safe place.
- **Avoid using public computers or WiFi hotspots** to access online banking or provide personal information.

Retell the information, in your own words. Then write your answers to these questions:

1. What does the article say you should do with suspicious texts?

2. Is it safe to use public computers or WiFi ("hotspots") to do online banking?

3. Does the article indicate that older people are more likely to be scammed?

4. Why do scams succeed?

5. What do you think is the best piece of advice given?

Optional Reading Task: Level 3 Transperth web page

← → ↻ www.transperth.gov.au

Manage your travel

[Sign up to My Account](#)

MY ACCOUNT

SAVE
UP TO **25%**

Get savings, security and
convenience with My Account.

- With My Account you can save 25% on your fares by signing up for Autoload.
- You can register to receive Travel Alerts about your services and we can tell you about upcoming special events.
- You can also register for SmartParker and bike lockers at our stations.

Sign Up for My Account

SIGN UP

Login to My Account.

LOG IN

[Forgotten password?](#)

Benefits to you:

- Save up to 25% on fares with SmartRider
- Get travel alerts
- Protect your SmartRider
- Set up Autoload for your SmartRider
- Register for SmartParker

The above is from the Transperth website.

Write answers to these questions:

1. How much can you save on fares, by using 'My Account'? _____

2. What are two of the services you can register for, once you have signed up to My Account?

3. What information might be sent as a Travel Alert?

4. What do you think Transperth gains from offering this?

Optional Reading Task: Level 3 Pet Therapy

Joondalup Health Campus uses pet therapy to give patients a lift

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SOMETIMES the human touch can only do so much. So Joondalup Health Campus has begun offering therapy from another source. Toy poodle 'Lady' visits the hospital weekly and has fast become one of the hospital's most popular forms of care.

Elderly patients in particular enjoy the six-year-old dog, including 83-year-old Marian Lane. "I just love animals so much," she said. "Back when I had my kids in hospital, you would never have been allowed a visit from a dog. So it's just lovely."

Mrs Lane's daughter Lindy said "Mum has a cat at home, so she misses the contact. Being able to cuddle Lady has been really great for her."

JHC Nurse Manager Kay Turner said pet therapy has become a common form of rehabilitation, that reduces anxiety and loneliness. She said some evidence had suggested it could also improve muscle strength and co-ordination.

"We recently saw a patient who suffers from Parkinson's disease who had difficulty moving her hands," she said. "We placed Lady next to her, with her hand on top and we were delighted when we saw the patient running her hands through Lady's fur."

Tell the Coordinator what this story is about.

Then write the answers to these questions.

1. How old is the dog 'Lady'? _____

2. How do the patients benefit from pet therapy?

3. Think of three words that would describe 'Lady':

4. What do you think the first sentence means? "Sometimes the human touch can only do so much."

Optional Reading Task: Level 3 Talent Show

Australia's Got Talent

Ahmed's throat was dry and his heart was pounding. It would soon be his turn on stage, at his repeat audition for Australia's biggest talent show. An older woman who sang, had gone first. Now, two teenage girls were juggling, and then it would be his turn. Would he remember the rap he had written and memorised, or would those girls have another reason to laugh at him, like they did at the first audition? "Not this time!" he said to himself. After the audition, he drove home to his family, to tell them the good news.

Why do you think it is important to read the title of any text?
(Tell Coordinator why you think this.)

1. What type of act did the two teenage girls perform?

2. What signs tell you that Ahmed was nervous?

3. Is this the first time Ahmed had faced a judging panel? Yes or No?
Depending on your answer, what part of the text makes you think this?

4. How do we know Ahmed is performing an original act?

5. What do you think Ahmed told his family?

Optional Reading Task: Level 3 Two-Storey House

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Each day as Carlos drove to work through the port area, he passed a large block of land with a derelict building on it. One day, a demolition crew was at work. They used large machines to demolish the building and level the land, and a large hole was dug.

Several days later, Carlos saw a cement truck, and thought he recognised some of the labourers pouring concrete for the slab of a building. Two weeks later, construction began on the exterior walls. Carlos assumed it was yet another storage facility.

When he returned from a six-month trip home to El Salvador, Carlos was surprised to see that the building was a two-storey house, in amongst all the warehouses. He got an even bigger surprise when he saw his boss walk out of the building!

Write your answers to these questions:

1. What does Carlos first see happening, on the large block?

2. Why was Carlos surprised after his trip?

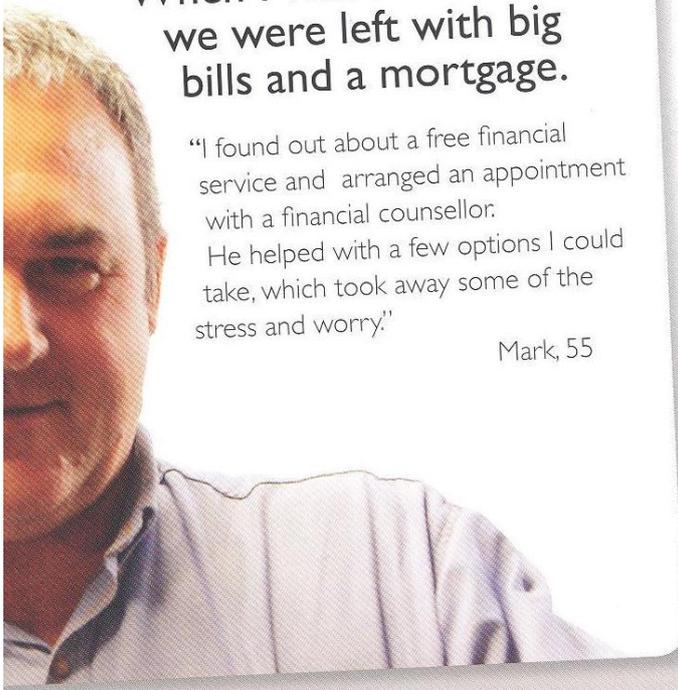
3. Why did Carlos assume the building was a warehouse or a storage facility?

4. What happened to the building while Carlos was away?

5. Give 2 reasons why his boss might have been walking out of the building:

Optional Reading Task: Level 3 Financial Help

This page is from a booklet, telling people where to get financial advice.



When I was sacked we were left with big bills and a mortgage.

“I found out about a free financial service and arranged an appointment with a financial counsellor. He helped with a few options I could take, which took away some of the stress and worry.”

Mark, 55

Getting financial help

For men who find themselves without money or food, pride often stands in the way of seeking help. The support groups listed here offer practical and material assistance, including food parcels, disaster relief, furniture and counselling services.

1. What happened to Mark, that caused his money worries?

2. How much did the advice cost him?

3. What are some of the things that might prevent people finding the advice or help they need, with money worries?

4. Did the financial counsellor tell Mark what to do?

5. What qualities would a financial counsellor need to have?
