

A. Vocabulary for today's story

In today's story, Fazia has an interview for a job. What is an interview?

The manager asks her for references. What are references? Have you ever been asked for references?

A **work** reference is someone you have worked for who can tell about how good a worker you are. An **academic** reference is a teacher or professor who can tell about your school performance. A **character** reference is someone who knows you well and can tell about your character. Your character is the qualities that you have, such as honest, seriousness, reliability. For example, do you tell the truth, do you take a job seriously, are you reliable.

Fazia finds out the job only pays minimum wage. In the United States, there is a minimum wage law. Companies cannot pay you less than the minimum wage. The minimum wage in the U.S. now is \$7.25. Some states have a higher minimum wage requirement. For example, in California the minimum wage is \$11.00 per hour. In Texas, the minimum wage is the same as the federal minimum wage, \$7.25 per hour. Does your country set a minimum wage?

B. Read "Expensive Cappuccinos" on page 34 of That's Life

C. Put these events from the story in order. Write "1" beside the first event. Number each event in order.

___ Susan likes Fazia and hires her.

___ Susan, the manager of the coffee house calls Fazia to come in for an interview.

___ Fazia goes to a coffee house every morning for a large cappuccino.

___ Fazia starts work at the coffee house.

___ Before Fazia leaves work she asks for a large cappuccino, but Susan says that will be \$3.50.

D. Work with a partner to answer these questions about the story.

1. Where does Fazia go every morning?
2. how much does a large cappuccino cost?
3. What does the cappuccino help her do?
4. What does Fazia notice one morning in the coffee house?
5. Who calls Fazia later?
6. What does Susan ask Fazia about at the interview?
7. How many references does Fazia give Susan?
8. When will Fazia work?
9. How much does the job pay?
10. How much will free cappuccinos save Fazia every week?

E. Use the word bank at the top of page 36 to complete the sentences

1. Fazia notices a Help Wanted _____ in the coffee house.
2. She asks for an _____ and fills it out.
3. Later, Susan, the _____ of the coffee house, calls Fazia.
4. Fazia arrives on time for the _____ the next morning.
5. Susan asks her about her work _____.
6. Fazia tells Susan about her past jobs and gives her three _____.
7. Fazia understands that the job only pays _____.
8. But free _____ will save her \$17.50 per week.

F. Put a check beside the things that you think are good to do in an interview. Put an X beside the things that you wouldn't do in an interview. Then discuss as a group the items you checked. Tell why you think some things shouldn't be done.

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| _____ arrive on time | _____ ask for more than minimum wage |
| _____ bring food and drink to the interview | _____ shake hands with the manager |
| _____ ask about wages | _____ ask about vacation time |
| _____ talk about when you are able to work | _____ answer questions about your work experience |
| _____ ask about free things they will give you | _____ give the manager some references |
| _____ say bad things about your previous boss | |

G. Discuss

Do you drink coffee a lot? Do you drink it every morning? Do you like fancy coffee drinks? Do you go to coffee shops to buy coffee or brew it at home? Do you have a cappuccino machine at home?

How many job interviews have you had? Do you get nervous before a job interview? In your country, is it easy to find jobs in your field? Are many people unemployed in your country?

H. Pronunciation—Pronounce these word pairs. Tell if the vowel has the same sound in both word pairs.

A	car - can	cab - cash	pan - party	pass - park	apple - ant	art - amen
I	ill - is	igloo - iphone	bib - bribe	dig - did	sigh - sit	tight - tick
E	egg - equal	exit - even	elbow - elf	event - elect	red - sheet	leg - bee
O	odd - open	jumbo - zero	mom - mope	boss - boost	loss - lose	frog - home
U	bug - ruby	duck - rush	truth - funny	hug - huge	dust - duty	cub - cupid