Vocabulary

odd jobs

Meaning: Small, unusual, or temporary jobs.

Examples:

1. He did odd jobs during the summer.
2. I've had a few odd jobs like dog walking and painting.

depends on

Meaning: Is affected or decided by something else.

Examples:

1. It depends on the weather if we go out.
2. The cost depends on the size of the house.

in my case

Meaning: For me; in my situation.

Examples:

1. In my case, I prefer working from home.
2. It was easy for others, but in my case it was hard.

for some time

Meaning: For a short or limited period.

Examples:

1. I stayed in Paris for some time.
2. She has been learning English for some time.

certain

Meaning: Specific; particular.

Examples:

1. Certain books are very hard to find.
2. Only certain people know the password.

random

Meaning: Chosen or happening without a plan or order.

Examples:

1. We picked a random number.
2. She met a random stranger on the bus.

doesn't sound bad

Meaning: Seems like a good or acceptable idea.

Examples:

1. A free trip to the beach doesn’t sound bad.
2. That plan doesn’t sound bad to me.

broken English

Meaning: English that is spoken or written with many mistakes.

Examples:

1. He spoke in broken English to the tourists.
2. Her broken English made it hard to understand her.

didn't make much sense

Meaning: Was hard to understand; was not logical.

Examples:

1. The story didn’t make much sense to me.
2. That sentence didn’t make much sense in English.

pretty odd

Meaning: Very strange or unusual.

Examples:

1. The movie had a pretty odd ending.
2. It's pretty odd to see snow here in summer.

Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences below with the vocabulary words.
depends • odd jobs • just
make much sense •some time

1. He ___ started his homework, but he already wants to play games.
2. I have been living in Japan for ___.
3. If it's good or bad ___ on your opinion.
4. I can't understand this. It doesn't ___.
5. My dad does ___ around the house, like fixing broken tables.

Nev / Canada

What are some odd jobs you have had?

Hi, my name is Nev and I'm from Canada. My question for today is, what ***odd jobs*** have you had?

Well, I guess it greatly ***depends on*** what you consider to be odd. But ***in my case***, I'd say that it was a job for a Chinese company. I used to live in China ***for some time***, and I found a part-time job that required me to record ***certain*** sentences using my phone.

So I would just have to read ***random*** sentences and record them on my phone. That was the job. And that ***doesn't sound bad,*** right? But the odd part is that the sentences were in ***broken English***. So I would read and record sentences that ***didn't make much sense***. I mean, sometimes they did, but sometimes it was just random words. So I thought that was ***pretty odd.***

What about you? Have you had any odd jobs or job opportunities?

Quiz

1) Where did she live before?

a) Korea
b) China

2) She had to _____ sentences on her phone.

a) write
b) record

3) What did she have to read?

a) Word families
b) Randon words

Practice Grammar

Hi, my name is Nev and I'm from Canada. My **required/sound/sometimes/question** for today is, what odd jobs have you had?

Well, I guess it **random/greatly/company/broken** depends on what you **consider/phone/sense/company** to be odd. But in my case, I'd say that it was a job for a Chinese **company/phone/consider/sound**. I used to live in China for some time, and I found a part-time job that **sometimes/words/question/required** me to record certain sentences using my **phone/broken/sound/consider**.

So I would just have to read **greatly/random/sound/broken** sentences and record them on my **broken/sound/consider/phone**. That was the job. And that doesn't **odd/consider/words/sound** bad, right? But the odd part is that the sentences were in **sound/broken/phone/sense** English. So I would read and record **sentences/sense/sound/sometimes** that didn't make much **sentences/sense/consider/sometimes**. I mean, sometimes they did, but sometimes **sentences/sense/required/it** was just random **words/odd/random/required**. So I thought that was pretty **consider/sound/odd/words**.

What about you? Have you had any odd jobs or job opportunities?

Corporate Terminology

Assignment
It is used in projects, when an employee of a company is placed in a specific project, performing a specific task.
“My new job assignment is great. I will be working for a great project manager.”
“I am pleased with my new job assignment and look forward to working under an excellent project manager.”

Expat
International worker in an assignment
“About ten percent of the staff in this project is expat.”
“Approximately ten percent of the staff assigned to this project are expatriates.”

Allowance
It is the amount of money that an employee receives to cover expenses such as meals, hotel and local transportation.
“Our allowance amount back then used to cover more expenses than today.”
"The amount of our allowance in the past was sufficient to cover more expenses than it does today."