

Daily Life - Hiring Help (C0364)

A: Can you help me write a newspaper ad?

B: Sure, what are you looking to buy or sell?

A: Actually, I want to hire someone to help me around the house.

B: Oh, you want to get a maid?

A: Well, I think it's better if you call her a cleaning lady or domestic help.

B: Ok, so what do you want her to do?

A: Well, let's see. I want her to come in three times a week for a couple of hours to clean the kitchen, bathroom and maybe do some cooking.

B: Got it. And how much do you offer per month?

A: I would pay her hourly, I don't know what the going rate is though.

B: I know for sure it's more than minimum wage but maybe you should just negotiate with the person that answers the ad.

A: Great! Thanks for your help!

Key Vocabulary

ad	<i>N</i>	and advertisement or advert
hire	<i>V</i>	to give work
maid	<i>N</i>	a female who's job is to clean and cook
cleaning lady	<i>V</i>	a person that is hired to clean, a maid
domestic help	<i>N</i>	a servant who is paid to perform tasks around the
hourly	<i>R</i>	per hour
going rate	<i>N</i>	the current price or fee of something

negotiate	<i>V</i>	discuss and reach a mutual deal
minimum wage	<i>N</i>	the lowest legal salary a person can earn

Supplementary Vocabulary

servant	<i>N</i>	One who is privately employed to perform domestic services.
cook	<i>N</i>	A person who prepares food for eating.
gardener	<i>N</i>	One who works in or tends a garden for pleasure or hire.
plumber	<i>N</i>	One that installs and repairs pipes and plumbing.
electrician	<i>N</i>	a person whose occupation is the installation, maintenance, and repair of electrical devices