# Working Part-time Jobs

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Luisa : And don’t you work at the amusement park on the weekend ?

Max : I do half the year , but it’s winter and the park only keeps a skeleton crew on during these months . In the meantime , I’m working for a temp agency , which gives me short-terms assignments .

Luisa : I don’t know how you juggle all these jobs .

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Luisa : Have you ever thought about going back to school to qualify for other work , something full-time ?

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Luisa : What’s stopping you ?

Max : I have to pay for something called “food” , and I haven’t met my fairy godmother yet ! .

Luisa begins the dialog by saying to Max “ Are you still here ? “ This is one of those question you ask when you’re surprised about something , obviously , Luisa can’t see that Max still wherever they are . She said “ I thought you got off at 3 o’clock “ . To get off of work means to finished your work casual to be able to leave the place where you work . Someone said what’s time you get off they mean what time do you get off of work when you stop working , What time do you stop working . Max said “ I picked up a second shift “ . A shift S-H-I-F-T refers to a period of time when people work usually this term is used for job when people work as that particular location more than 8 hours or that there are people working as the location for more than 8 hours or this maybe for example a place where there are someone working 24 hours a day , well , one person is not going to work 24 hours so they break up the day into shift so if you work the day shift you’re working probably from 8 in the morning turn around 4 , 5 afternoon . If you’re working a night shift , you’re working perhaps 4,5 in the afternoon to midnight . If you’re working what we called the greave yard shift , you’re working probably from 11 night or midnight to 7 or 8 in the morning . Both are shift then . Division of the work day is the place that usually is opened for more than 8 hours . Max said he picked up a second shift . To pick up here means to get to obtain , he was working one shift and now he picked up a second shift which means of course he’s working more than 8 hours a day while has Max done his work , he said “ I could use the money “ . When someone said I could use the money he means that he would be able to benefit from getting more money . He has some need of extra money . Luisa said “ But I thought you had another part-time job in the evenings “ . A part-time job is the job usually that is less than 40 hours per week . In U.S , 40 hours per week is considered full-time . It’s less 40 hours we might call it part-time . Luisa would thought Max had another part-time job . Max said “ I normally do , but the restaurant when I work has been cutting back my hours “ . When we told about someone cutting back on something we mean that he is using less service or he’s reducing the number of something . The 2 words phrase verb to cut back then means to reduce the number of something , in this case , we talking about the restaurant where Max works cutting back his hours . His hours refer to the number of hours that he can work . Max said he was trying to pick up as many extra shifts here as I can . Luisa then asked “ And don’t you work at the amusement park on the weekend ? “ . And Amusement A-M-U-S-E-M-E-N-T park is a large park usually that has lots of what we would call right in the place people especially children can play games and get into the machine that go really fast for example Disney land is the example of the amusement park based in California . Luisa asked Max still working at the amusement park on the weekend . He said “ I do half the year “ meaning I do work there half of the year , but it’s winter and the park only keeps a skeleton crew on during these months “ . Max is saying that the amusement park where he normally work in the summer time , only have skeleton crew doing the winter time . The phrase Skeleton S-K-E-L-E-T-O-N crew C-R-E-W refers to very more number of workers minimum number you can have at the place . In the business doesn’t have any customers , it might help very few employees and we might call that “ Skeleton crew “ . If doing busy time , the company has more employees , this is the case with amusement park get skeleton crew . The word crew that refers to group of people . The word skeleton is not normally used to describe the bones of your body or the bones of the animal . Max said “ In the meantime “ meaning during winter season “ I’m working for a temp agency “ which gives me short term assignments . A temp T-E-M-P agency is a company that find people temporary jobs . The word temp is short for temporary meaning short-term not permanent not for a long time . There are many companies that find workers , find people to work for companies that just need workers for short period of time . Max said the temp agency give him short-term assignments . Short-term refers to short amount of time perhaps a week , perhaps even the day . Are you to work for temp agency when I was in college . I would call up every morning and see they have any work for me . And they would send me to job that would last maybe one day maybe two , three days , sometimes as long as month . Temp agencies are very popular now especially when the economy is not doing so well . Companies don’t want to hire employees for time . Luisa said “ I don’t know how you juggle all these jobs “ . The verb to juggle J-U-G-G-L-E usually refers to throwing object up in the air and keep it up in the air . We refer to someone does as say juggle but here the verb means to handle different things at the same time , to be able to do many different things the same time . Max said “ I have no choice “ , I have no other option “ I have to piece together an income if I want to pay rent “ . To piece P-I-E-C-E together something means to put together to a sample and an income I-N-C-O-M-E refers to the money you get for working . Max is saying that he has to work a little bit as this chap as a little bit in that chap in order to make enough money to pay for his rent . Luisa said “ Have you ever thought about going back to school to qualify for other work , something full-time ? “ . To qualify Q-U-A-L-I-F-Y for something means to have these skills and education in order to be able to do something . So for example you want to be a doctor , you have to study for many years and in order to qualify for that kind of job , at least , I hope you study many years if you’re doctor , if not please don’t be mined doctor . Luisa is asking of Max have thought about going back to school to qualify for some kind of job that would be full-time , that would be 40 hours per week . Max said “ Sure , all the time “ meaning I have thought it a lot . He said “ I’d like a better job , one with benefits and a reliable salary “ . Benefits B-E-N-E-F-I-T-S refer to things such as health insurance and vacation time and sick pay money you get when you can’t work because you’re sick . There are common benefits that you get when you have a full-time job . Salary S-A-L-A-R-Y refers to money that you get to work at a certain place , usually by the month or by a year when we talk about salary , we’re talking about money you get regardless of how many hours you work . There are 2 kind of ways of getting pay : One is by the hours when you get pay a certain amount of money for every hour you work . Another way of getting pay is by salary , when you’re getting pay owner salary , we would say : “you are getting a certain amount of money and I’m expected to do your job even it takes more than the normal 40 hours a week “ . Luisa said “ What’s stopping you “ . What’s preventing you from going back to school ? . Max said “ I have to pay for something called “ Food “ . Max’s making a joke , he’s saying that he can’t afford to go back to school , he doesn’t have enough money to go back to school because condition is paying the rent , he also has to eat and to eat yes to buy food . He finishes by saying “ I haven’t met my fairy godmother yet ! “ A fairy F-A-I-R-Y godmother G-O-D-M-O-T-H-E-R is the character from children stories , stories that we tell children usually involve in woman who has some of magical powers . The fairy godmother is the common character in certain fairy tale that are told to the children . They are made up stories about magical advents . Here Max is using expression to mean that he hasn’t found someone who’s just going to give him money to pay for his expenses and to go to school .