**ELS Podcast 1072** – **WORKING PART-TIME JOBS**

**EXPLANATION OF WORDS:**

1. Luisa said “Are you still here? I thought you **got off** at 3:00.”. **To get off a work** means to finish your work shedule to be able to live the place where you work. Someone asks what time do you get off? They mean what time do you get off a work when you stop working, what time do you stop working?
2. Max said “I **picked up** a second shift.”. **A shift** (spell: s-h-i-f-t) prefers to a period of time when people work, usually this term is used for job when people work at a particular location more than 8 hours. Or that they’re people working at location for more than 8 hours. It might be for a example: A place where there are someone working 24 hours a day. Well, one person is not going to work 24 hours. It’s stress, so they break up a day into shifts. So, If you work the day shift you’re working probaly from 8 in the morning to around 4 or 5 in the afternoon. If you’re working a night shift perhaps from 4 or 5 in the afternoon to midnight. If you’re working what we call a graveyard shift. You’re working probaly from 11 o’clock at night or midnight to 7 or 8 in the moring. Closer shifts have to vision of a work day in a place that usually open for more than 8 hours.
3. Max said he **picked up a second shift.** To pick up here means to get to obtain. He was working 1 shift in now he picked up a second shift which means ofcourse working more than 8 hours a day.
4. Max said “**I could use the money**.”. He means that he would be able to benefit from getting more money. He has some need of some extra money.
5. Lusia said “But I thought you have another **part-time job** in the evenings.” **A part-time job** is a job usually that is less than 40 hours per week. In the United States 40 hours per week is considered full-time. If it is less than 40 hours, we might call it **part-time**.
6. Max said “I normally do, but the restaurant where I work has been **cutting back my hours**”. When we talk about someone **cutting back on something**, we mean that he’s using last serviced or he’s reducing the number of something. The true of phrasel verb to cut back that means to reduce the number of something. In this case, we’re talking about the restauran where as Max works. Cutting back his hours, his hours prefer to the number of hours that he can work. Max’s trying to pick up as many extra shifts here as I can. Luisa then asks.
7. “And don’t you work at the **amusement park** on the weekend?”. **An amusement** (spell: a-m-u-s-e-m-e-n-t) **park** is a large park usually that has a lots of what we call \*\*\* . Places where people, especially children can play games and get into the machines that go really fast. For example: Disney land is an example of Vina Amusement Park in the Southearn California. Lusia asks it. Mas is still working at the amusement part on the year.
8. Max said “I do half the year meaning I do work there park of the year, but it’s in the winter and the park only keeps a **skeleton crew** on during these months”. Max said that Amusement park where he normnally works in summer time only has a **skeleton crew** during the winter time. The phrase “**Skeleton** (spell: s-k-e-l-e-t-o-n) **crew** (spell: c-r-e-w)” prefers to a very small number of workers. It’s minimum number of workers you can have it at a place. If a business doesn’t have very many customers, it might have many few employees and we might call that a skeleton crew. If during busy times, the company has more employess. This is a case with the amusement park it has a skeleton crew. Crew just prefers to a group of people. The word “skeleton” is normally use to describe the bones of your body or the bones of an animal. Max said “In the meantime - during the winter season, I’m working for a temp agency, which gives me short-term assignments.”
9. **A temp** (spell: t-e-m-p) **agency**, it’s a company that finds people temporary jobs. The word “tempt” is short for temporary meaning short-time, not permanent, not for a long time. They are ofcourse 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 gives him short-term assignments. Short-term prefers to a short a mount of time, perhaps a week, perhaps even a day. Are you still work for 10 agencies when I was in the collegue? I would \*\*\* every morning and see they have any work for me. And they would send me to jobs that would last maybe 1 day, maybe 2 or 3 days, sometimes as long as a month. Temp agencies are very popular. Now especially when the economy is not doing so well. Companies don’t want to hire employess full-time. Lusia said “I don’t know how you juggle all these jobs.” The verb “to juggle” (spell: j-u-g-g-l-e) usually prefers to throwing objects upon the air and keep in them upon the air. We prefer to someone who doesn’t \*\*\* juggle it. But here the verb means to handle many different things at the same time to be able to do many different things at the same time. Max said “I have no choice. I have no other options. I have to piece together an income if I want to pay rent.”
10. **To piece** (spell: p-i-e-c-e) **together sth** means to put together to a sample and **income** (spell: i-n-c-o-m-e) prefers to the money you get for working. Max said that the send that he has to work a little bit at this job, a little bit at that job 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?”.
11. **To qualify** (spell: q-u-a-l-i-f-y) **for something** means to have the skills and education in order to able to do something. So for example few one to be a doctor who have to study for many years and other to qualify for that kind of job. That is I hope you study many years of your doctor if not. Please don’t be mind doctor. Lusia asked Max had thought about going back to school to qualify for some kind of job that would be full-time, that would be 40 hours a week. Max said “Sure, all the time, meaning I have all of it a lot”. He said “I’d like a better job, one with benefits and a reliable salary.”
12. **Benefits** (spell: b-e-n-e-f-i-t-s) prefers to things such as helping children, and vacation time, and sick paid money you get when you can’t work because your sick. These are common benefits that you get when you have full-time job.
13. **Salary** (spell: s-a-l-a-r-y) prefers to money that you get to work at the certain place usually by the month or by the year. We talk about the salary, we’re talking about money you get, regardless of how many hours you work. The 2 kinds of ways of getting pay one is by the hour when you get pay a certain a mount of money for every hour you work. Another way of getting pay is by salary when you’re getting pay honest salary we \*\* \*\*. You are getting a certain a mount of salary and are expected to do your job, even the more than normal 40 hours a week. Lusia asked “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 \*\*. He said that he can’t afford to go back to school. He doesn’t have enough money to go back to school because it’s an additional paid his rent. He also has to eat and \*\*ly he has to buy food. Finishes by send I haven’t met my fairy godmother yet!
14. **A fairy** (spell: f-a-i-r-y) **godmother** (spell: g-o-d-m-o-t-h-e-r) is a character from children’s stories, stories that we tell children, usually involving a women who has some \*\* magical powers. A fairy godmother is coming a character in certain fairytales that they’re told children. She’s made up stories about magical advance. Here, Max is using the expression to mean that he hasn’t found someone who just going to give him money to pay for his expenses and go to school.