Luisa begins our dialog by saying to Max are you still here? This is one of those question you ask when surprise about something obviously Luisa says can see that Max still wherever they are she says I though you got off at 3:00 to get off of work means to finish your work schedule to be able to leave the place where you work if someone says what time do you get off? They mean what time do you get off of work when do you stop working what time do you stop working Max says I pick 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 at that particular location more than 8 hours or that there are people working at that location for more than 8 hour it might be for example a place where there are someone working …4 hours a day well one person is not going to work …4 straight so they break up the day into shift so if you work the day shift you’re working probably from 8 in the morning to around for 5 in the afternoon if you’re working in a night shift you are working perhaps from 4-5 in the afternoon to midnight if you’re working what we called the grave yard shift you’re working probably from eleven o’clock at night or midnight to 7 or 8 in the morning those are shift then division of the work day in a place that usually open for more than 8 hours Max says he picked up a second shift. To pick up here means to get to obtain he was working one shift and now he picks up the second shift it means of course he’s working more than 8 hours a day why has Max done this well he says I could use the money when someone says I could use the money he means that he would able to benefit from getting more the money he has some need of extra money. Luisa says but I thought you had another part-time job in the evenings. A part-time job is a job usually that is less than 40 hours per week in US each 40 hour per week consider full time if it’s less than 40 hours we might call it part time. Luisa thought that Max has another par time job Max say 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 means that he is using less of it or he is reducing the number of something the two words phrasal verb to cut back then means to reduce the number of something in this case we are talking about the restaurant where Max works cutting back his hours his hours refers to the number of hours that he can work Max says he’s trying to pick up as many extra shifts here as I can. Luisa then asks and don’t you work at the amusement park on the weekend. An amusement park a-m-u-s-e-m-e-n-t park is a large park usually that has a lot of what we would call ride in them place especially children can play games and get into the machine that goes really fast for example did me lend even example of an amusement park here inside of Canifonia Luisa says Max is still working at the amusement park on the weekend he says I do half a year meaning I do work there part of the year but its winter and the park only keeps a **skeleton crew** on during these months “ Max is saying that the amusement park was he normally work in the summer time only has a skeleton crew during the winter time the phrase skeleton s-k-e-l-e-t-o-n crew c-r-e-w refer to a very small number of worker the minimum number of worker you can have at a place if a business doesn’t have very many customer it might have very few employee and we might call that is the skeleton crew if during the busy time the company has more employee. This is a case amusement park it has a skeleton crew the word crew just refers to a group of people the word skeleton is normally used to describe the ball of your body or the ball of an animal. Max says in the meantime meaning in the winter season I’m working for a temp agency which give me short term assignment a temp t-e-m-p agency is a company that find people temporary jobs the word temporary jobs for temporary meaning short term not permanent not for a long time there are of course many company that find worker find people to work for company that just need worker for short period of time Max says the temp agency give him s short term assignment, short term refer to a short amount of time perhaps a week perhaps even a day I used to work for temp agency when I was in college I would call up every morning and see any if they work for me and they would send me to job that would last may be one day maybe two or three days. Sometime as long as a month temp agency are very popular now especially when the economy not doing so well company don’t want to hire an employee full time. Luise says “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 in the air and keep it up to the air we refer to someone who does it are their juggle but here the verb means to be handle many different things at the same time to be able to do many different thing that the same time Max says 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 mean to put together to assemble an income i-n-c-o-m-e refers to money you get from working Max is saying he has to work a little bit extra or a little bit that job in order to make money to pay for his rent Luisa says “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 the skill end or 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 in order to qualify for that kind of job at least I hope you study many years of your doctor if not please don’t be my doctor Luisa is asking Max has a thought about going back to school to qualify for some kind of job that would be full time that would be forty hours a week Max says Sure all the time meaning I had thought of it a lot he says I like a better job one with benefits and a reliable salary benefits b-e-n-e-f-i-t-s refers to thing such as heath assurance and vacation time and sick pay and money you get when can work because you sick these are common benefits you get when you get 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 the year when we talk about salary we’re talking about money you get regardless of how many hours you work there are two kind of way you get pay one is by the hour 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 on a salary we would say you are getting a certain amount of money I inspected to do your job even if it take more than the normal 40 hours per week. Luisa says what stopping you what is preventing you from going back to school Max says I have to pay for something called food Max is making a joke here he says that he can afford to go back to school he doesn’t have enough money to go back to school because in addition to pay his rent he also has to eat and to eat yes by 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 character from children story children that we tell children usually involve in a woman who has some sort of magically power the fairy godmother is a common character in certain fairy detail that are told children these are made up story about magical avenge here Max is using expression to mean that he hasn’t found someone who just going to give him money to pay for his expenses and to go to school.