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Unit 2 P17

To Students:

The following is the tapescript for the listening exercise we did in class.

Please check your answers with it and we will discuss this topic further in our next class.

Assignment 1: Be prepared to answer the questions on P17 aurally.

Assignment 2: Fill in the blanks in Exercise 2 P17.

Assignment 3: Discussion: What is your hobby? Do you want to make your hobby your fulltime job?

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## Roger the Gardener

(Tapescript 12)

D'you know the best thing that ever happened to me? D' you know what it was? It was when I lost my last job. Yes really! I never liked it - hated it in fact - stuck in an office all day with computers and a telephone. Now my hobby is my full-time job! I start work very early, er ... in summer I usually leave home about 5.30 in the morning, but in winter not until about 8.00. I have a small van, and I carry all my tools and equipment in that. It's autumn now so I'm tidying the gardens - I'm picking up leaves and pulling up old summer flowers. Oh, and I'm planting bulbs and well. I'm planting lots of daffodils and tulips. Every season is so different, and I love them all. I just love working outside in the open air after all those years in a stuffy office. I never noticed the seasons there!

After work I always go home and relax in a hot bath. I have a flat in London but most of my work is outside of London, in the suburbs. I'm not married but I live with my girlfriend, Fiona. I usually cook our evening meal because she gets home from work after me. She's a graphic designer and earns a lot of money, much more than me! She earns more but I think I enjoy my work more.

At weekends we often drive into the country and go to antique shops and antique sales. I collect old radios, you see. We don't have a television! Can you believe it? Everyone has one these days but we don't! Yes, er ... er... I collect old radios and Fiona collects old cookery books. We take out dog, we have a lovely dog, and we like taking her on long walks. I've just bought two 1930s radios and I'm cleaning them and mending them. All my radios work, you know! I never play any sports. Is this unusual?

I think there is only one problem with my job. It's seasonal, so I don't earn much in the autumn and winter, so er ... I'm not earning much at the moment. I earn most money in spring and summer. But it's OK, I earn enough, not enough to eat out often in expensive restaurants or go to shows, but enough for my dog and my hobby. I'm a happy man!