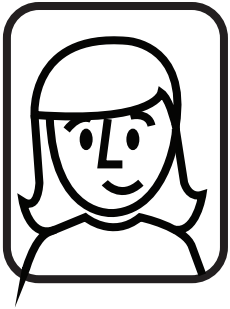


LESSON 14: ACTIVITY 1

Grace's Story



Hi, my name is Grace.

I'm in 6th year in secondary school. I used to have a part-time job in the local shop, but gave it up at the end of the summer last year so I could do a bit more study for the Leaving Cert. The funny thing is after I left my friend Sean went and got my job!

Anyway, now that it's the end of June the exams are over and I have two ways I earn money, babysitting and dog walking. I mind my five-year-old niece every Saturday evening so my sister can go out with friends for a couple of hours. She gives me €20 for this. Usually I spend this money on a take-away and a DVD, but there is always food in her fridge so I might start saving some of this money instead. I also walk my neighbour's dogs for an hour each day after school and he gives me €30 week.

I spend €5 a week on phone credit, and once a week I go to the local disco, it costs €10 and a gang of us walk there and back! I don't know where the rest of the money goes, drinks or snacks maybe? It's hard to believe I spend €50 a week!

I'm going on a week-long family holiday to Clifden in 7 weeks. My parents are paying for most of the trip. I'll only need about €150 spending money.