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## The Designer and the Fashion Magazine

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Illustrated English Reading Practice
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A Step by Step Guide for Using this Booklet

1. Watch the video at:
   http://goo.gl/2mqnpt

2. Read the comic book "Be Worthy of Trust"
   starting on page 5 of this booklet.

3. Read the story "Be Worthy of Trust" starting
   on page 31 of this booklet.

4. Do the exercises starting on page 35 of this
   booklet.

5. Use the answer key at the end of this booklet
   to check the answers.
I have so many bills to pay...

Graphic Design Jobs
Mom: Did you find a job?

I have to find a job soon. If I don’t, I’ll be in trouble!

No, I’m still looking for one.
Mom: But you finished university six months ago.

You studied for four years to get your design degree.

That’s true, and I also took all the software courses I could.

But I have no experience as a graphic designer, and no recommendations. So employers don’t want me. They don’t know if they can trust me.

Huh? Bye Mom, I think I found something.
A graphic designer is needed for TOP magazine, a very well-known fashion magazine. No experience required.

It looks like a very good opportunity!

Hello…

Come at five.

Yes!

What should I wear…?
No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Yes

I’ll wear that one!
I finally arrived. Wow, that’s a tall building!
Helen?

It's nice to meet you. My name is Jenny. I'm the editor.

Have a seat.
My first question is: Who is Momo Manal?

He’s a French fashion designer.

He’s one of the world’s best designers and a leader in fashion.

That’s true.

Helen’s portfolio

You know, that reminds me of something! It’s so funny...

Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!!
You don’t have any experience, but you look like someone we can trust.

You’re hired.
I’ll introduce you to the manager.

It’s nice to meet you.

The next magazine will have a 60s theme. The shooting starts tomorrow...
We finished the shooting. Here's the briefing for designing the magazine.

Your design must be ready for approval in just a few days! Get to work!
I really want to do a good job!

This is my chance! I must meet my deadline and prove I'm trustworthy!
I finished it on time! I hope they like it!

I finished the magazine! Take a look!

I think I made the right decision hiring you, Helen.
Great!

I was invited to a Momo Manal fashion show!

I have a very exciting announcement!

It's nearly impossible to get an invitation!

Wow! Wow! Wow!
Helen, can you make a copy of the invitation for me?

What? But, that's against the rules...
No! You must return this stolen invitation right away!

Please!!!

I really must go to that fashion show. No one will find out!

Okay, but only if no one finds out!
What's going on here...?
Bye, see you tomorrow!

Finally home...

TV NEWS: Unemployment continues to rise.

I'm so lucky to find such a good job! And they really trust me, even though I have no experience...
And now I betrayed their trust...

Nobody will find out! It's only one little forgery...

But then why do I feel so bad?...
These copies look like the invitation I forged... This can't be happening!

What's going on?

Ka-chung!

Aaargh!

Ka-chung!

Ka-chung!
Oh no... It's the invitation I forged!

Stop making copies!

I really messed things up...

There's so much noise they can't hear me!

Ka-chung!

Ka-chung!
Oh no! The copies are flying out of the window! That will put the entire company in trouble!

Woooooshhh
I’ll unplug the machine!

Stop!
Okay.

No problem. Sure. Why didn't you just ask?!

Stoooooop!

Sure. Why didn't you just ask?!

No problem.

Okay.
I'm confused... Why was it so easy to stop them?

This was only a little prank.

I don't understand what's going on here...

In this company we need people we can trust.

We'll let you keep your job this time, but I hope you'll never do something like that again!

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No!
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The Designer and the Fashion Magazine

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One morning, as she sits in her living room as usual and looks for a job, her phone rings. It is her mother.

"Did you find a job?" her mother asks.

"No," Helen replies. "I am still looking for one."

"But you finished university six months ago," her mother says. "You studied for four years to get your design degree…"

Helen interrupts her. "That is true, and I also took all the software courses I could. But I have no experience as a graphic designer and no recommendations, so employers do not want me. They do not know if they can trust me."

Helen looks at the stack of bills she has to pay. If she does not find a job soon, she will be in trouble! Suddenly, one ad catches her eye.

"A graphic designer is needed for a very well-known fashion magazine called TOP. No experience required," the ad reads.

Helen quickly says goodbye to her mother and calls the phone number listed in the ad. Helen is excited! She knows TOP magazine, and it looks like a very good opportunity.

The phone conversation is very brief. A woman's voice tells Helen, "Come at five."

Helen quickly gets ready and leaves her apartment. Still excited, she takes the train to a tall building with a big sign that says "TOP Magazine." Helen takes the elevator to 10th floor for her interview.

She is interviewed by a nice woman named Jenny. Jenny is the editor. While Jenny looks at Helen's portfolio, she asks, "Who is Momo Manal?"

"He is a French fashion designer," Helen quickly answers. "He is one of the world's best designers and a leader in fashion."

Jenny goes over Helen's portfolio. She smiles and tells Helen she is hired. She introduces Helen to the other workers and shows her where she will work.

The editor soon announces the next issue of the magazine. It will have a 60s theme! Helen begins to work very hard around the clock. She knows the magazine must be ready for approval in just a few days.

Helen stays up late into the night. She really wants to do a good job and prove that she is trustworthy. She finally finishes the design on time and calls the magazine editor. Everyone looks at the magazine and loves Helen's work! She is very happy.

Suddenly the manager comes in very excited. She says that she has been invited to a Momo Manal fashion show! Everyone is very excited. They know it is nearly impossible to get an invitation.

The next day, the photographer sneaks into to the manager's office and steals the invitation. He asks Helen to make a copy of the invitation for him. She is frightened and tells him it is illegal. He must return the stolen invitation right away.

The photographer begs her to help him. He says that he really must go to that fashion show. "No one will find out," he assures her. Helen finally agrees and makes him a very similar copy. As she works, Helen does not notice the editor looking into her office.

That night at home, Helen sees on television that unemployment is high. She is really glad that she has a good job! As she goes to bed, she feels worried. At work, she is a trusted member of the team. But she copied that invitation and betrayed their trust. Nobody knows about that, but still she feels bad about doing it.

When Helen comes to work the next day, she sees a few of her co-workers at the printer. They are making copies of the invitation she made for the photographer. Everyone in the office has one! Helen panics. She betrayed the trust they put in her. And now she could lose her job and get the entire company in trouble!

She begins to shout at everyone to stop, but no one hears her over the noise of the printer and everyone shouting excitedly. Helen unplugs the machine and shouts, "Stop!"

Everyone is silent as Helen shouts that they must destroy the copies. More softly, she says, "I made a big mistake. I should not have copied the invitation." She looks at the floor, ashamed. Now she is sure she will lose her job and that everyone in the office will feel they made a mistake by trusting her. She cannot believe it. What will her family say?

Everyone looks at Helen in silence. Then they all simply say, "Okay." They go back to work as if nothing has happened. Helen is confused. How could it be so easy?

The editor walks up to her and says, "This was only a little prank. We will let you keep your job this time, but I hope that you will never do something like this again. I want to trust you."

Helen cannot believe it! Breathing a sigh of relief, she says, "No! You can be sure that I’ll NEVER do anything like that again! I will work hard to earn your trust."
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When Helen comes to work the next day, she sees a few of her co-workers at the printer. They are making copies of the invitation. Helen is shocked and confused, she copied that invitation and betrayed their trust. Nobody knows about that, but still she feels bad about doing it.

That night at home, Helen sees on television that unemployment is finally agree and makes him a very similar copy. As she works, Helen steals the invitation right away.

The next day, the photographer sneaks into to the manager's office and go to that fashion show. "No one will find out," he assures her. Helen knows this is wrong and she feels guilty about it.

Suddenly the manager comes in very excited. She says that she teach Helen a lesson. Why do you think she decides to do this?

1. Helen looks at the stack of bills she _____ to pay. What do you think about this?
   a) must
   b) think of an idea
   c) take
   d) find something you lost

2. What does "printer" mean?
   a) a machine that creates images on paper
   b) a computer program
   c) something to decorate your house
   d) a picture of something

3. As she works, Helen does not notice the editor ______ into her office.
   a) must
   b) think of an idea
   c) take
   d) over

4. Helen's boss decides not to fire Helen. She decides to play a prank to interview?

5. What does "portfolio" mean?
   a) a surprise party
   b) a collection of pictures and documents that a person sells
   c) an action of making many copies
   d) making an illegal copy of a document

6. What does "on time" mean?
   a) makes her feel tired
   b) makes her feel interested
   c) makes her feel angry
   d) in a new way

Expressions Questions
You can be sure that I will never do anything like that again! I will never do something like this again. I want to trust you."

The editor walks up to her and says, "This was only a little prank. They go back to work as if nothing has happened. Helen is confused."

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Exercises

Vocabulary Questions
1. What does "software" mean?
   a) comfortable clothes
   b) a computer program
   c) something to decorate your house
   d) a picture of something

2. Think of the best job you have had. What was it? What were your responsibilities?

3. Helen agrees to copy the invitation even though she does not think it is a good idea. Why do you think this happens to her?

4. Helen's boss decides not to fire Helen. She decides to play a prank to...
2. What does "printer" mean?
   a) a machine that creates images on paper
   b) a person who reads books
   c) a big room in an office building
   d) a difficult job

3. What does "brief" mean?
   a) fun
   b) complicated
   c) interesting
   d) short

4. What does "stack" mean?
   a) envelope
   b) box
   c) pile
   d) notebook

5. What does "trouble" mean?
   a) problems
   b) ideas
   c) time
   d) work
6. **What does "portfolio" mean?**

a) a collection of pictures and documents that show a person's work  
b) a collection of pictures and documents that a person sells  
c) a collection of stories  
d) a document that describes a person's education and previous jobs

7. **What does "prank" mean?**

a) a surprise party  
b) an action that is meant to deceive someone as a joke  
c) an action of making many copies  
d) an office meeting

8. **What does "forgery" mean?**

a) hiding something stolen  
b) lying to other people  
c) doing something secretly  
d) making an illegal copy of a document
Expressions Questions

1. What does "as usual" mean?
   a) the way she likes
   b) the same way as always
   c) the way another person wants
   d) in a new way

2. What does "catches her eye" mean?
   a) makes her feel tired
   b) makes her feel scared
   c) makes her feel interested
   d) makes her feel angry

3. What does "around the clock" mean?
   a) all day and all night
   b) moving in circles
   c) in a very short time
   d) taking all the time she needs

4. What does "on time" mean?
   a) long before the deadline
   b) after the deadline
   c) any time she wants
   d) exactly at the deadline
5. What does "find out" mean?
   a) hear about
   b) think of an idea
   c) talk about something
   d) find something you lost

Grammar Questions

1. Helen looks at the stack of bills she __________ to pay.
   a) must
   b) will
   c) has
   d) going

2. Helen begins to work very hard __________ the clock.
   a) with
   b) around
   c) to
   d) over

3. As she works, Helen does not notice the editor __________ into her office.
   a) looking
   b) to look
   c) having look
   d) looked
4. We will _________ you keep your job.

a) permit
b) obligate
c) let
d) allow

5. You can _________ sure that I will never do anything like that again!

a) be
b) have
c) take
d) go

Comprehension Questions (Video and Story)

1. After watching the video on the web page, describe in your own words what you understand from the video.

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

2. The video shows that sometimes you have to make a big effort to be worthy of someone's trust. What do you think about it?

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________
3. What important question does Helen answer correctly in her job interview?

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________________________________________________________________________

4. What does the photographer ask Helen to do?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

5. In your opinion, why is it important to be worthy of trust?

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**Essay Questions**

1. Helen graduated six months ago, but she is still looking for a job. She says she cannot find one because she does not have experience and recommendations. What can she do to overcome this barrier?

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2. Think of the best job you have had. What was it? What were your responsibilities?

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4. Helen's boss decides not to fire Helen. She decides to play a prank to teach Helen a lesson. Why do you think she decides to do this?

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5. It is hard for Helen to get to sleep at night after she forges the invitation. Why do you think this happens to her?
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6. In your opinion, how can being trusted by others benefit you?
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Answer Key

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Comprehension Questions

1. After watching the video on the web page, describe in your own words what you understand from the video. The students will answer using their own words.

2. The video shows that sometimes you have to make a big effort to be worthy of someone's trust. What do you think about it? The students will answer using their own words.

3. What important question does Helen answer correctly in her job interview? Jenny asks her who Momo Manal is. Helen knows that he is a famous French fashion designer.

4. What does the photographer ask Helen to do? He asks her to make a copy of the invitation to Momo Manal's fashion show.

5. In your opinion, why is it important not to do anything illegal? The students will answer with using own words.

Essay Questions

The students will answer the questions using their own words and ideas.
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