

# Talk a Lot

## Learning English

### Multi-Purpose Text

#### Introductions (Original Text)

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1 Kathleen Jones is a lecturer in ESOL at a small further education college in Matlock  
2 Bath, Derbyshire. ESOL is short for English for Speakers of Other Languages.  
3 Kathleen teaches students from all over the world, who have decided to make their  
4 home in north Derbyshire. Kathleen was forty earlier this year, and her husband  
5 Rob, who is two years older than her, organised a big family party in their garden.  
6 Rob is a lorry driver and often works away from home. He drives up and down the  
7 country, delivering large loads of paper, bricks, and wood to many different  
8 companies. Rob and Kathleen have two children. Dennis is nineteen and has been  
9 working as a trainee mechanic since he left college. Maggie is still at school and is  
10 currently studying hard for her GCSEs, which she will take next summer.

11 Kathleen works part-time at the college, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
12 mornings. She really enjoys her job because she gets to meet some really  
13 interesting people, and has the opportunity to find out about their lives and cultures.  
14 She often asks students to prepare presentations on the subject of their home  
15 country. Kathleen has been teaching English for about ten years. Before that she  
16 worked in a solicitor's office in Alfreton. (211 words)



#### Introductions (Text with 20 Differences)

Kathleen **1. Smith (Jones)** is a lecturer in ESOL at a **2. large (small)** further education college in Matlock Bath, Derbyshire. ESOL **3. stands (is short)** for English for Speakers of Other Languages. Kathleen teaches students from all over the **4. country (world)**, who have decided to **5. live (make their home)** in north Derbyshire. Kathleen was **6. sixty (forty)** earlier this year, and her husband Rob, who is **7. a few (two)** years older than her, organised a big family party in their garden. Rob is a lorry driver and **8. sometimes (often)** works away from home. He drives **9. around (up and down)** the country, delivering large loads of paper, bricks, and wood to many different companies. Rob and **10. Kathy (Kathleen)** have two children. Dennis is nineteen and has been working as a trainee mechanic since he left **11. school (college)**. Maggie is still at school and is currently studying hard for her GCSEs, which she will **12. make (take)** next summer.

Kathleen works **13. full-time (part-time)** at the college, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and **14. Friday (Thursday)** mornings. She really enjoys her job because she gets to **15. see (meet)** some really interesting people, and has the opportunity to find out about their **16. wives (lives)** and cultures. She often asks students to **17. write (prepare)** presentations on the subject of **18. the (their)** home country. **19. Maggie (Kathleen)** has been teaching English for about ten years. Before that she worked in a solicitor's office in **20. Galveston (Alfreton)**.

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#### Introductions (Gap-Fill – Prepositions)

Kathleen Jones is a lecturer in ESOL 1. \_\_\_\_\_ a small further education college in Matlock Bath, Derbyshire. ESOL is short 2. \_\_\_\_\_ English for Speakers 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Other Languages. Kathleen teaches students 4. \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world, who have decided to make their home 5. \_\_\_\_\_ north Derbyshire. Kathleen was forty earlier this year, and her husband Rob, who is two years older than her, organised a big family party 6. \_\_\_\_\_ their garden. Rob is a lorry driver and often works away 7. \_\_\_\_\_ home. He drives up and down the country, delivering large loads 8. \_\_\_\_\_ paper, bricks, and wood 9. \_\_\_\_\_ many different companies. Rob and Kathleen have two children. Dennis is nineteen and has been working 10. \_\_\_\_\_ a trainee mechanic since he left college. Maggie is still 11. \_\_\_\_\_ school and is currently studying hard 12. \_\_\_\_\_ her GCSEs, which she will take next summer.

Kathleen works part-time at the college, 13. \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. She really enjoys her job because she gets to meet some really interesting people, and has the opportunity to find out 14. \_\_\_\_\_ their lives and cultures. She often asks students to prepare presentations on the subject of their home country. Kathleen has been teaching English 15. \_\_\_\_\_ about ten years. Before that she worked in a solicitor's office in Alfreton.

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#### Introductions (Multiple Choice – Use of English)

Kathleen Jones is a **1. a) teaches, b) lecturer, c) cleaner** in ESOL at a small further education college in Matlock Bath, Derbyshire. ESOL is short for English for Speakers of Other Languages. Kathleen **2. a) learns, b) studies, c) teaches** students from all over the **3. a) world, b) place, c) road**, who have decided to make their home in **4. a) north, b) the, c) country** Derbyshire. Kathleen was forty **5. a) early, b) earliest, c) earlier** this year, and her husband Rob, who **6. a) be, b) is, c) has** two years older than her, organised a big family party in **7. a) their, b) his, c) our** garden. Rob is a lorry driver and often works away **8. a) with, b) to, c) from** home. He drives up and down the country, **9. a) delivers, b) delivering, c) delivered** large loads of paper, bricks, **10. a) and, b) an, c) but** wood to many different companies. Rob and Kathleen have **11. a) children, b) a, c) two** children. Dennis is nineteen and **12. a) has, b) he, c) have** been working as a trainee mechanic since he left college. Maggie is still at school and is currently studying hard for her GCSEs, which she will take next summer.

Kathleen works part-time at the college, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. She really enjoys her job **13. a) while, b) when, c) because** she gets to meet some really interesting people, and has the opportunity to find out about their lives and cultures. She often **14. a) informs, b) asks, c) makes** students to prepare presentations on the subject of their home country. Kathleen has been teaching English for about ten **15. a) days, b) minutes, c) years**. Before that she worked in a solicitor's office in Alfreton.

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#### Introductions (Comprehension Questions)

1. How old is Dennis?
2. Is Matlock Bath in south Derbyshire?
3. What is Dennis's job?
4. How old is Kathleen?
5. Is Dennis a qualified mechanic?
6. What does ESOL mean?
7. What is Maggie doing at school?
8. What does Rob deliver?
9. Where does Kathleen teach ESOL?
10. When will Maggie take her GCSEs?
11. How long has Dennis been doing his current job?
12. Does Kathleen work on Tuesday afternoons?
13. Where did Kathleen used to work?
14. What did Rob organise earlier this year?
15. Does Kathleen work on Mondays?
16. What subject does Kathleen teach?
17. Why does Kathleen enjoy her job?
18. Who is Dennis?
19. What is Kathleen's husband called?
20. How old is Rob?
21. What does Rob do for a living?
22. How long has Kathleen been teaching English?
23. How many children have Rob and Kathleen got?
24. Name two towns mentioned in the text.
25. Is Maggie still at school?
26. What kind of college does Kathleen work at?
27. Where is Matlock Bath?
28. What does Kathleen do on Wednesday mornings?
29. What are GCSEs?
30. What does Kathleen often ask students to prepare?



#### Introductions (True, False, or Unknown?)

1. Kathleen works on Wednesday afternoons.
2. Kathleen finds her job a bit boring.
3. Kathleen has a happy family.
4. Kathleen used to work in a solicitor's office as a clerk.
5. Dennis is very busy at work.
6. Rob is a bus driver.
7. Kathleen and Rob haven't got any children.
8. Dennis was nineteen in February.
9. Dennis is ninety years old.
10. Kathleen teaches students from the UK.
11. Rob is two years older than Kathleen.
12. Kathleen is a cleaner.
13. Kathleen enjoyed her birthday party.
14. Maggie is a trainee mechanic.
15. Dennis is a trainee mechanic.
16. Kathleen works in Derby.
17. Rob is forty three years old.
18. Kathleen teaches students from all over the world.
19. Kathleen starts work at 9.30am.
20. Maggie is still at school.
21. Kathleen teaches German.
22. Dennis left college two years ago.
23. ESOL is short for English for Speakers of Other Languages.
24. Rob delivers paper, bricks, and cardboard.
25. Kathleen was forty earlier this year.
26. Kathleen enjoys her job.
27. Rob delivers to a few different companies.
28. Kathleen teaches students from France.
29. Kathleen has been teaching English for two years.
30. Rob delivers paper and bricks on Tuesdays.

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#### Glossary of New Words

Here are some words and phrases from the text that may be new to students. You could either pre-teach them, or encourage your students to find translations in a bi-lingual dictionary and write them in the gaps below. Stressed syllables are underlined.

1. **lecturer** (*noun*: teacher for adults) \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Matlock Bath** /'mæt.lɒk'bɑ:θ/ (*place*: town in Derbyshire, UK) \_\_\_\_\_
3. **decide** (*verb*: make a decision) \_\_\_\_\_
4. **organise** (*verb*: arrange) \_\_\_\_\_
5. **deliver** (*verb*: take) \_\_\_\_\_
6. **wood** (*noun*: material from trees) \_\_\_\_\_
7. **trainee mechanic** (*noun*: person who is learning to be a mechanic) \_\_\_\_\_
8. **GCSEs** /dʒi:si:.es'i:z/ (*noun*: school exams taken by 16 year olds in the UK) \_\_\_\_\_
9. **part-time** (*adverbial*: fewer hours than full-time) \_\_\_\_\_
10. **opportunity** (*noun*: possibility) \_\_\_\_\_
11. **culture** (*noun*: customs and traditions) \_\_\_\_\_
12. **prepare** (*verb*: plan) \_\_\_\_\_
13. **presentation** (*noun*: short talk) \_\_\_\_\_
14. **solicitor** (*noun*: lawyer in the UK) \_\_\_\_\_
15. **Alfreton** /'æɪ.fri:ˌtɒn/ (*place*: town in Derbyshire, UK) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Answers

##### Introductions (Gap-Fill – Prepositions)

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|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1. at   | 6. in   | 11. at    |
| 2. for  | 7. from | 12. for   |
| 3. of   | 8. of   | 13. on    |
| 4. from | 9. to   | 14. about |
| 5. in   | 10. as  | 15. for   |

##### Introductions (Multiple Choice – Use of English)

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|-------|--------|--------|
| 1. b) | 6. b)  | 11. c) |
| 2. c) | 7. a)  | 12. a) |
| 3. a) | 8. c)  | 13. c) |
| 4. a) | 9. b)  | 14. b) |
| 5. c) | 10. a) | 15. c) |

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#### Introductions (Comprehension Questions)

1. Nineteen.
2. No, it's in north Derbyshire.
3. Trainee mechanic.
4. Forty.
5. No, he's a trainee mechanic.
6. English for Speakers of Other Languages.
7. Studying for her GCSEs.
8. Large loads of paper, bricks, and wood.
9. At a small further education college in Matlock Bath, Derbyshire.
10. Next summer.
11. Since he left college.
12. No.
13. In a solicitor's office in Alfreton.
14. A big family party for Kathleen's fortieth birthday.
15. No.
16. ESOL or English.
17. Because she gets to meet some really interesting people, and learn about their lives and cultures.
18. Kathleen and Rob's son.
19. Rob.
20. Forty two.
21. Lorry driver.
22. Ten years.
23. Two.
24. Matlock Bath and Alfreton.
25. Yes.
26. A small further education college.
27. In Derbyshire, UK.
28. She teaches ESOL or English.
29. School exams taken by 16 year olds in the UK.
30. Presentations on the subject of their home country

#### Introductions (True, False, or Unknown?)

(T = True, F = False, U = Unknown)

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|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. F  | 11. T | 21. F |
| 2. F  | 12. F | 22. U |
| 3. U  | 13. U | 23. T |
| 4. U  | 14. F | 24. F |
| 5. U  | 15. T | 25. T |
| 6. F  | 16. F | 26. T |
| 7. F  | 17. F | 27. F |
| 8. U  | 18. T | 28. U |
| 9. F  | 19. U | 29. F |
| 10. F | 20. T | 30. U |