

Self-employed Unit 2 Laura: Section 1

Answers**Worksheet 2a: Web/Research activity**

1 a. What is the most common form of self-employment in the UK?

Construction trades

b. How many self-employed hairdressers/barbers are there in the UK?

46,000

c. Which one is a skilled trade?

carpenters and joiners

2a. Which of the following jobs could you do? (Tip: There are two!).

Domestic cleaner

Unskilled labour eg: Gardener

b. Which of the following jobs might be seasonal?

Unskilled labour eg: Gardener

3a. What percentage (%) of migrant workers make up the English cleaning workforce?

37%

b. What is the estimated market value for contract cleaning in the UK

£5.6 billion

c. Why are there indications that the demand for domestic cleaners may increase?(You will find this information under 'Occupational trends')

People working longer hours so don't have time to clean



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Worksheet 2b: First listening and Worksheet 2c: Second listening

Answers to activity 2 (error correction) questions highlighted in yellow; answers to activity 3 (matching) questions in pink.

- T So hello and thank you very much for agreeing to this interview. So **can I start by asking your name?**
- L Yeah, my name is Laura.
- T Laura- and **where are you from**, Laura?
- L I am from Ecuador.
- T Ecuador - And **how long have you been in the UK?**
- L I've been in this country **nearly three years.**
- T Three years – and **what do you do** in the UK?
- L I'm **working as a cleaner.**
- T OK – and **did you do the same job in your home country** in Ecuador?
- L No, I left my country 13 years ago – I was living in Spain. **I did the same job in Spain.**
- T Ah, OK – and it's the same language?
- L Yeah.
- T So, that's good. Mm, so you're a self-employed cleaner?
- L Yeah, I'm self-employed.
- T So **how long have you been self-employed?**
- L **Two years.**
- T And why did you want to be self-employed?
- L Um, I can own my hours and can share my time with **my family, my kids, my husband.**
- T Ah, that's good. So you can do your hours around your family?
- L Yeah.
- T Yeah, that's really good. So **did you receive any advice or help** before becoming self-employed?
- L Um, **in this country no** – but I received in Spain, I know how this working, and...
- T Ah, OK. And where do you work? Obviously in London – but **where do you work?**
- L I work in Hornsey and in West London, Bow
- T Bow
- L Bow
- T Is that west London or East London?
- L East... East, sorry, **East London**
- T Yeah, East London. And is it houses that you clean?



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- L Yeah, I clean the houses.
- T Ah, OK. And is it the same as it was in Spain? Cleaning houses in Spain and London – is it the same?
- L Um, the job is the same but the people is different.
- T Different in a good or a bad way, or...
- L Er... I like more the people in London than in Spain
- T Oh, why's this... why?
- L Because the people is more... um... **They trust me.**
- T Oh, OK...
- L You know, they **give me the keys**, and I can go the house and clean, just in my own way and do my own job and in Spain different. The people all the time they stay at home.
- T Oh, so they watch you, supervise you?
- L Yeah... What I do...
- L Oh, yeah, so no. So you prefer to do on your own. I think I would prefer that also. So, who would you say are your main clients or customers?
- L Um, a woman and a house of a group of people who they share the house
- T Oh, yeah.
- L So there are four in this house. **I clean just the common areas** in the house, this one.

