

Paid to Work

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you think this story is about?

Definitions:

- Scan – to swipe the product’s bar code
- Till – a cash register
- Warn – to tell of something bad that might happen



Reading

17 Sheng is a clerk at a store. Her job is to be kind and helpful. She greets
17 people with a smile. She scans the things people want to buy. She takes their money
33 and puts it in the till. She says, “Thank you. Have a nice day.”

47 Sheng sees many friends at her job. She smiles and says hi to them. They talk
63 for a short time. Her friends want to talk more. She asks to see them after work and
81 says goodbye.

83 Last week her boss warned her about talking to friends while working. He
96 pays her to do her job. He does not pay her to talk to friends. Sheng likes her job
115 and wants to keep it.

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Understanding

1. What is Sheng's job? _____

2. How does she greet people? _____

3. How long does Sheng talk with her friends? _____

4. Who warned Sheng not to talk with friends much while at work? _____

5. What could happen if Sheng talks with friends too much while at work? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about what you do when friends want to talk while you are working.
