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LESSON CODE: HTE-T104 • CEFR B1+ INTERMEDIATE

Lesson 4: Side Hustle Stories

Talk about money, part-time teen projects, and pitching ideas with stress-marked read-aloud scripts and natural phrases.

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Meet the Young Entrepreneurs

MANCHESTER, UK

Rohan (17)

Flips vintage denim jackets from his bedroom and films packing clips.

CHICAGO, USA

Hana & Diego (16)

Build a neighborhood dog-walking business through word of mouth.

MELBOURNE, AU

Zara, Tariq & Chloe

Brainstorm custom tote bags and sticker drops at a local café.

HTE-T104 • FEATURED STORY A

Rohan’s Bedroom Vintage Shop

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CHARACTER PROFILE

Rohan, 17 — Manchester

Started with just two secondhand denim jackets and now ships orders across the UK every weekend.

Target Skill: Explaining how a project started

Pronunciation Focus: Stressing key action verbs

Warm-Up: **Have you ever sold something online?**

STEP 2 • SOLO READ-ALOUD

Read Aloud: Rohan’s Vintage Drop

BOLD = STRESS • / = PAUSE

SPEAKER: ROHAN (CONFIDENT, ENTHUSIASTIC PACE)

“People think you need a **huge** budget to start a side **hus**tle, / but I literally began with **two** thrift-store jackets. / Every Saturday morning, I **hunt** for vintage denim, / wash and re**pair** it, and film a quick **pack**ing clip. / Once I broke **even** in my first month, / I started putting **half** my profit aside for university.”

HTE-T104 • FEATURED STORY B

Hana & Diego’s Park Route

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CHARACTER PROFILES

Hana & Diego, 16 — Chicago

Neighbors who teamed up to walk dogs after school, balancing client bookings with upcoming exams.

Target Skill: Setting goals & giving friendly warnings

Pronunciation Focus: Expressive reactions (“For real!”)

Warm-Up: Would you rather work solo or with a friend?

STEP 2B • PAIR READ-ALOUD

Read Aloud: Balancing Work & School

ROLE A: HANA • ROLE B: DIEGO

HANA (EXCITED, THEN PRACTICAL)

"Can you be**lieve** Mrs. Rivera just recommended us to **three** more neighbors? / Word of **mouth** is way better than printing flyers!"

"Just make sure we don't **o**verbook ourselves / before **math** exams next week."

DIEGO (UPBEAT & MOTIVATED)

"For **real**! / If we pick up two more **af**ternoon walks, / we'll hit our **sav**ings goal before summer even starts."

How to Talk About Money & Projects

Natural Phrase	Meaning	Teen Example
Side hustle	Part-time project alongside school	“Tutoring is my weekend side hustle.”
Flip (an item)	Buy cheap, improve, and resell	“He loves to flip retro sneakers.”
Break even	Make back the exact cost spent	“Sell ten hoodies to break even.”
Put aside	Save part of your earnings	“I put aside half my profit.”
Word of mouth	Recommendations from friends	“We grew purely by word of mouth.”

STEP 4 • PRODUCTION ACTIVITY

Your Turn: 3-Minute Café Pitch

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Launch a Teen Side Hustle Under $50

Team up in groups of three like Zara, Tariq, and Chloe. Prepare a 60-second pitch covering:

1. **The Offer:** What product or service will you launch?
2. **Break Even:** How many sales cover costs? How will you advertise?
3. **The Goal:** What will you put your profits aside for?



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Great Pitch! Ready for Lesson 5?

Use the HTE-T104 worksheet for the quick check and written follow-up.

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