

## Replica Town

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(1) It may be the only place in the world where it is acceptable to let children work and where parents look on with pride as their offspring slave over hot stoves or pursue criminals through the streets.

(2) While millions confront the spectre of unemployment, the recession has failed to materialise at *KidZania*. It is a scaled-down replica town in the Tokyo suburbs. It invites children to act out their fantasies, whether it is flying a passenger jet and acting on stage, or the less glamorous tasks of issuing driving licences and delivering parcels. Its buildings, vehicles and other features are scaled down to two-thirds real size to accommodate its young inhabitants. They have more than 50 jobs to choose from during a typical five- or six-hour shift, with each job lasting about 30 minutes.

(3) The park, which opened in October 2006, attracted 950,000 people in its first year and has been fully booked every day ever since. Aimed at children aged two

to fourteen, the first *KidZania* opened in Santa Fe shopping mall in Mexico City in 1999 with the name *City of the Children*. It proved so popular that a second Mexican park was developed in Monterrey, followed by *KidZania* in Tokyo. More have been built in Jakarta, Nishinomiya in Japan, and Lisbon, with plans to open one in Dubai later this year.

(4) After paying an admission fee, *KidZania's* young toilers select a job, change into uniform and start work. On-the-job coaching is guaranteed, and parents are banished to viewing areas. In return for their labour they are paid in kidzos, the park's official currency, which can be exchanged for goods and services at *KidZania* complexes anywhere in the world.

(5) There have been no reports of redundancies, wildcat strikes or unpaid overtime. And retirement – voluntary or otherwise – is still a long way off.

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## Tekst 5

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- 1p 8 What is *KidZania* according to paragraphs 1 and 2?  
It is an amusement park that
- A employs children to design and operate the various rides.
  - B gives children the chance to experience being an adult.
  - C prepares children for their future jobs and careers.
  - D teaches children about the hardships of child labour.
- 1p 9 Uit welke zin uit alinea 1 of 2 blijkt dat echte problemen niet doordringen in *KidZania*?  
*Citeer (= schrijf over uit de tekst) de eerste twee woorden van deze zin in de uitwerkbijlage.*
- 2p 10 Geef van elk van de volgende beweringen aan of deze wel of niet overeenkomt met de inhoud van alinea 3 en 4.  
*Omcirkel achter elk nummer 'wel' of 'niet' in de uitwerkbijlage.*
- 1 Elk park heeft een eigen thema.
  - 2 Het park is een typisch Japans product.
  - 3 Ouders mogen in de parken alleen maar toekijken.
  - 4 De kinderen hebben hun eigen munteenheid in deze parken.
- 1p 11 What can be concluded about *KidZania* after reading this text?
- A Children clearly enjoy spending time in *KidZania*.
  - B Employees of *KidZania* have to work long hours.
  - C *KidZania* is part of a non-profit organisation.
  - D People working in *KidZania* earn high salaries.

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