

Read the text and ,in pairs, discuss the meaning of the words in bold:

#### A DAY AT WORK

*In the morning I **attended** a meeting between management and **union** representatives. The discussion was very **comprehensive**, covering topics like working hours, days off, retirement age, etc. Both sides were interested in an agreement and ready to **compromise**. The secretary **recorded** everything in the notes. **Eventually**, they decided to set a new meeting to sign the final draft of the agreement.*

*Back at the **office**, a colleague of mine asked me if I had **realized** that the proposed agreement would be partially against the company **policy** not to accept workers that have already **retired**. I **pretended** to be really busy and late for an **appointment**, and left for the **cafeteria**. **Actually**, I didn't want to discuss the matter at that **particular** moment because there were some **strangers** in the **office**.*

*After **lunch** I **attended** a **lecture** given by the **mayor**, who is an **expert** in **tax** legislation and has a **graduate degree** in political science. He said his government intends to **assist** welfare programs and **senior** citizens, raise funds to improve **college** education and build a public **library**, and establish tougher limits on vehicle **emissions** because he **assumes** this is what the people expect from the government.*

*(adapted from [http://www.supportiveenglish.com/2012/04/text-comprehension-exercises-false\\_04.html](http://www.supportiveenglish.com/2012/04/text-comprehension-exercises-false_04.html))*

