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Work Opportunity

When Paul decided to look for a new job, he decided to **check up everything** that was **on offer** throughout the country. He was **open to the idea** of changing city and starting fresh. He checked up on all the jobs that were up for grabs, before applying to more than fifteen of them. He didn’t know whether or not **to put his name forward** for one position, as it was a very demanding position. He was worried about how prospective employers would check him out; he had had a very big **falling out with** one of his previous employers. He was afraid that that employer might **put him down** or scupper his chances.
Once he had applied for all the jobs, **he looked into** rent prices in different cities, noting how much extra he would have to pay if he moved. He also decided that it would be best if he **brought up the issue** with his boss of him possibly leaving his present job. He wondered **how the boss would take it**; would he be annoyed or angry?

Scandals

Thirty years ago, most people in Ireland were very devout Church-goers. Most Irish people were strong Catholics and **put a lot of faith in** what the Church said. The priest was the leader of every local community. People listened to him and **followed his moral instruction** quite closely. People in general did **not care too much** for atheism. However, when child **abuse scandals emerged**, there was an air of disbelief throughout the country. At first, people almost refused to believe it, such was their trust in the Church. However, as time passed and more and more **people came forward**, **pointing their finger at** priests and nuns, **it slowly dawned on** most people that something terrible had happened.
There were many investigations **set up**; both public and private. A tribunal **was run** from Dublin Castle where **evidence of widespread abuse was presented**. The Catholic hierarchy in Ireland had **to present themselves** at this hearing, to explain why so many accusations of abuse had not been properly investigated or reported to the police. As the chairman of the inquiry stated, although people were very angry with the Church, it was also important **to hear them out**. Hundreds of witnesses **have already come forward** and the tribunal is on-going and far-reaching.

F1 Race

Each year in the municipality of Monaco, a famous F1 race is held on the streets of Monaco. This tax haven is a favourite spot for the rich and famous. Every year, **people line the streets** to get as close to the action as possible. It is next to impossible to get tickets for the race, with even the Friday qualifying being sold out months in advance. On the race day, all the cars **line up** on the grid, waiting for the green light. The start is very exciting, with everyone watching the first corner with anticipation, excitement and a little apprehension. The cars raced to the first corner, bunching up dangerously close to each other. The two Ferraris slammed into each other, **sending one into the air**. When the Lotus was hit from behind, its engine **caught fire** and the fire marshals had to work quickly **to put it out** before the petrol tank exploded. As usual, two cars broke down, one of them in a dangerous corner. As the cars **gathered speed** up the main straight, there was a danger of **them running into** the back of a broken down car at nearly 200mph. Nico Rosberg had lead the race from the beginning, but **had developed a fuel-line problem** and **dropped back** to 6th place. When the Red Bull of Sebastian Vettel took the chequered flag, there were wild celebrations in the pit-lane. It was his fifth win of the season and he looked unstoppable in his pursuit of his fifth consecutive world championship.