Bartleby – Just the Job

- 1. What did you think of the article?
- 2. Any questions?
- 3. What issues does it raise?
- 4. Have you seen the Paddington movies?
- 5. Have you heard of prison / jail being referred to as 'Clink' before? Where does it come from?
- 6. Do you agree that getting prisoners into a job is one of the best ways of rehabilitation? Why?
- 7. What about the term 'jailbirds'? Where do you think this comes from?
- 8. The article says that 2.2m people are locked up in North American prisons. Does this surprise you? Why or why not? How does this compare to Chilean rates?
- 9. The article refers to the company Nehemiah Manufacturing doing random drug testing and should an employee fail the rest they are offered rehabilitation. Is this what you think would normally happen?
- 10. Vocabulary: What do the words below mean?

Culinary (para. 1)

A roundabout route

To bring about

To lock up (para. 2)

To set up (para. 3)

Death row (para. 4)

To point out

Upkeep (para. 5)

Homeless (para. 7)

A toddler

To drop out (para. 8)

The turnover

To "write (someone) off" – what else can we write off? (para. 10)

Callous

Serving time