Building Vocabulary

Words to Know: Are Pro Athletes Overpaid?

1. **merchandise (n)**: goods that are bought and sold
   • *example*: Bobby worked the *merchandise* table for his friend’s band, selling T-shirts and CDs.

2. **wage (n)**: an amount of money a worker is paid
   • *example*: After she received her college degree, Hannah’s employer gave her a well-deserved *wage* increase.

**Directions**: Use the space below to list any other words from this article whose definitions you’re unsure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Write a definition for each word below and one example sentence.