Why Do We Work?



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The Big Idea

This book tells about why people work and the different types of jobs people do.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading:
- Make connections

Comprehension:
- Identify stated main idea and supporting details

Phonics:
- Long e digraph (leaves, need, people)

Fluency:
- Read using prosody

Content Vocabulary:
- earn, jobs, money, pay, work

Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:
- Use present-tense verbs
- Use homophones (buy, for, sell, some, too)

Sentence Patterns:
- People need ___
- You can ___.

* Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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I need to know these words.

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clothes



factory



food



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jobs



money



vacation



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What Are Jobs?

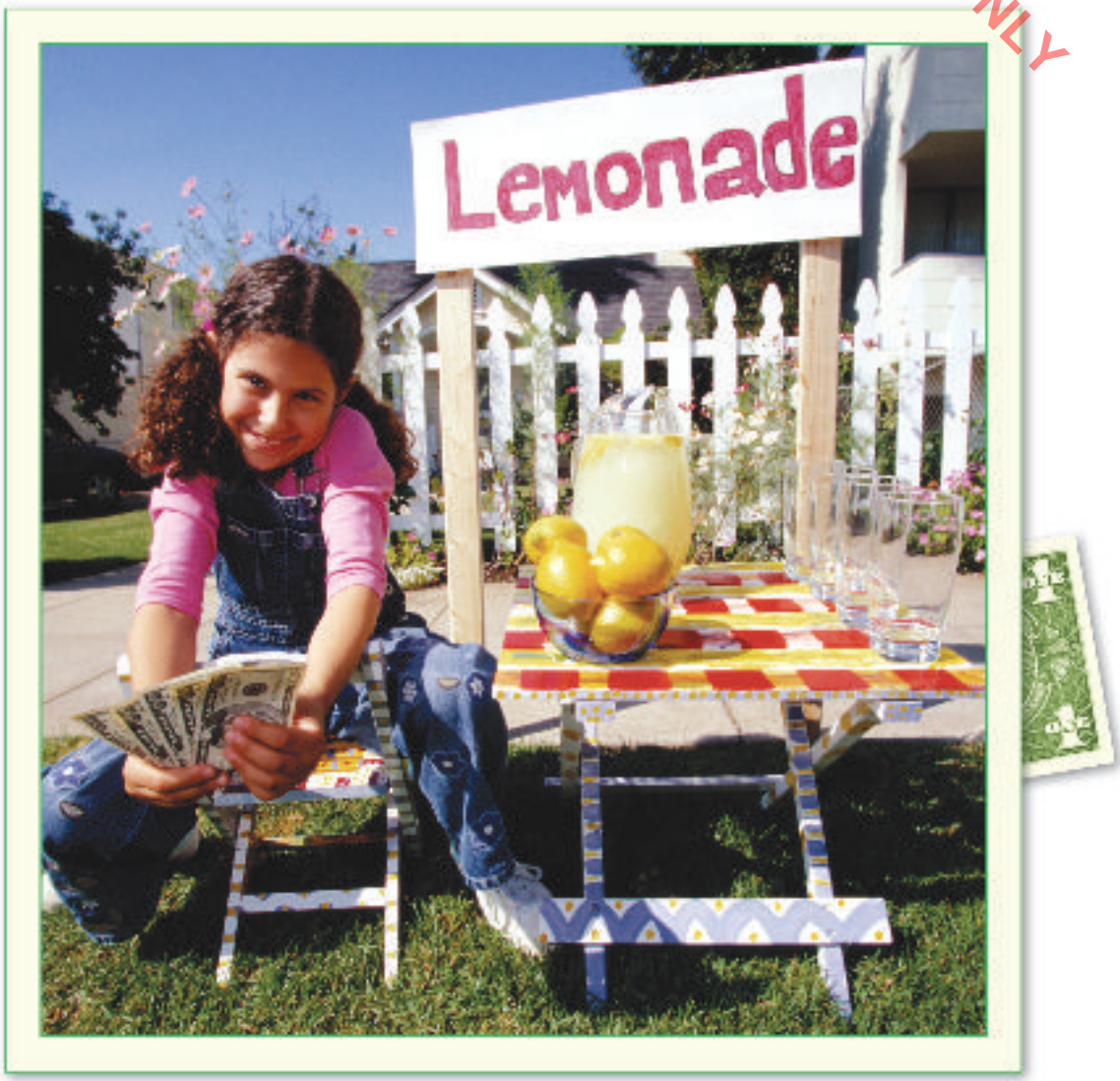
All jobs are work. People have jobs to earn money. This boy has a job. A neighbor pays the boy to rake the leaves.



▲ Many adults have jobs. Many children have jobs, too!

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This girl sells drinks.
This girl earns money for the work.



▲ This girl earns money.

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Why Do People Have Jobs?

People need money to pay for things. All people need food. A job helps people buy food.



▲ People earn money to buy food.

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All people need clothes, too. A job helps people buy clothes.



▲ People earn money to buy clothes.

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People like to have fun. People take vacations. A job helps pay for vacations.



▲ This family is on vacation.





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People use money to pay for fun things.
This family uses money to buy tickets.
This family goes to a game.



▲ This family has fun at a football game.