

**Level 7: Lesson Plan: Visiting Our Families at Work**

- ☪ Activity worksheet: Question Card

## EXTENSION ACTIVITY

# LEVEL 7

BOOK TITLE

**Visiting Our  
Families at  
Work**

TOPIC

**People  
Working**

LENGTH

**1 Lesson  
(1 Hour)**



### Essential Question

What is the difference between paid and unpaid work, and why are both important?



### Lesson Overview

In this lesson, the teacher has the students connect the book *Visiting our Families at Work* to their own experiences. It requires the hands-on active participation of the students and teacher.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS

- ☞ *Visiting our Families at Work*
- ☞ Activity worksheet: **Question Card**

### LEARNING ACTIVITIES



Class discussion about paid and unpaid work.



Class discussion about what kind of work the students' family members do.



Interviewing family members and drawing family members' work.

### LEARNING CONNECTION

The students will begin to understand the differences between paid and unpaid work and why both types of work are important to communities. It builds on their understanding of the book *Visiting Our Families at Work*, which introduces them to the vocabulary for different kinds of paid and unpaid work.

### READING VOCABULARY

*Marine biologist, takes care of, accountant, makes, RCMP officer, teacher, important, community.*

### PRE-LESSON PREPARATION

1. Photocopy the **Question Card** activity worksheet for each student.

# LESSON PLAN: VISITING OUR FAMILIES AT WORK

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1. Introduce the idea of paid and unpaid work to the students.



**“Paid work is work a person does and receives money for. Unpaid work is work a person does and does not receive money for. Both types of work are very important.”**

2. Read the book *Visiting our Families at Work* to the students.

3. Ask the students to give examples of unpaid work from *Visiting Our Families at Work*.

Answers include: Cepoola’s uncle taking care of her grandmother, Patrick’s grandmother making clothing.

4. Discuss the importance of these two examples of unpaid work.



**“Why are these two types of work important to a community?”**

5. Give the students a minute to think about what types of work their family members do. Ask students to turn to a partner and talk for two minutes about the different types of work their family members do. Remind them that in some families, there are some family members who do paid work and some who do unpaid work, and challenge the students to think of examples of both paid and unpaid work that is done by members of their family.

6. After the two-minute conversation in partners, invite one or two volunteers to give examples of paid and unpaid work their family members do.

Some examples might include: preparing dinner, fishing, taking care of elders, working at the grocery store, writing and performing music.

7. Give each student a copy of the **Question Card** activity worksheet. Have each student write the name of a family member on the card and draw a picture of the family member doing his or her work. Then ask the students to take this card home and ask a family member to fill out the back of the activity worksheet. Ask students to bring back the cards by a given date.

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## SHARING AND DISPLAYING (CLASSROOM REINFORCEMENT)

1. Ask students to share their **Question Card** activity worksheet in partners or teacher-selected small groups. Encourage students to talk about why the work is important.
2. Display the completed **Question Card** activity worksheets around the classroom.