

## Work We Do





Like other days, Balbir reached the tea stall after his breakfast. His brother Satvinder who had come from the village was also with him. The worker at the tea stall gave him a cup of tea and said – Here is today's newpaper.

How do you spend your whole day sitting here? Don't you get bored – asked Satvinder.



Oh no! One does not realise how the time flies. Look at that group of children. As usual, they are late for school. Everyone is running! The teacher is also late today. Oh! it seems her sandal has broken. She is going to Jaggu *Bhai*, to get it repaired. It's good for him, he will get some money early in the morning.



Before starting the lesson the children should be given an opportunity to observe and understand the picture. It is important to develop the skills of picture reading (observation) in children.



Champa is sitting there with her basket full of flowers. The lady working in the post-office buys flowers from her everyday.

The construction work has started again. The truck is bringing materials. The workers will again be busy the whole day.

Look there, the doctor and the nurse are entering the hospital together.

See Ramulu with his fruit – cart. These days he also brings Chinamma with him. Chinamma runs around – delivers fruits and collects money.

Nanu, the barber has laid out his shop – but whom will he shave?

Right in the middle of the crossing stands Iqbal Singh. Throughout the day, he blows his whistle and keeps shouting – move your vehicle from here, whee \_\_ ee \_\_ ee \_\_, Hey, have you not heard me \_ \_ take the cart away.

Saying this Balbir put down his empty cup and walked to a nearby shop.



Act out what people would do at a crossing or in a weekly bazaar.

Look carefully at the picture and write what work is

being done by differer	nt people.
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\* What kind of work do people in your neighbourhood do? Name any five. What are these workers called?

Work	What they are called
Repair cars and scooters	mechanic
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In the picture on the first page of this lesson, some buildings have been shown. In the list below put a red \( \) on the names of these buildings. Also, put a green or yellow \( \) on the names of those buildings that are in your neighbourhood.

Post Office	Hospital	Temple
Telephone booth	School	College
Government office	Church	Multi-storeyed building
Dharamshala	Hotel	Bus stand
Cinema hall	Police station	Bank
Petrol pump	Shop	Gurudwara
Mosque	Railway station	Court





Write the names of any five buildings and the work done in them.

Name of the building	Work done
Hospital	<ul><li>Treatment of patients</li><li>Vaccination of children</li></ul>
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* Are there any child going to school? Wh	ren in the picture who are not at are they doing?

## Household work

Deepali is also one such girl who does not go to school. Let us read about her.



Deepali is the eldest child in her family. Her father sells vegetables. He leaves for the *mandi* very early in the morning. Her mother washes utensils in some houses. She also leaves for work early in the morning. Deepali cooks food for her brothers and sisters. She cleans the house and also washes the utensils. She is very fond of listening to the radio. She listens to songs while she works. After finishing the work at home she goes to leave her brother with their father. She then

takes her younger sisters, Suman and Sheila to school.

After that Deepali helps her mother in her work. In the afternoon, she brings her brother and sisters back home. In the evening she plays with other children in the neighbourhood. Her mother comes back home late in the evening. Deepali helps her mother cook



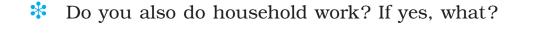
dinner for the family. Her father comes home very late at night.

At night Deepali loves to lie in bed and read her sister's school books. She has studied upto class three. Three years back when her little brother was born she had to stay back home to take care of him. She could not study any more. She feels that reading books helps her to relax. Now she is back to school and goes regularly.



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What work does Deepali do in her own house?



Besides household work do you do any other work at home? If yes, what?



Given below are some daily activities. Show on the face of the clocks, at what time of the day you do them.



Wake up in the morning



Sit down to study at home



Go to school



Go to play



Return from school



Sleep at night



Which of your family members do household work? What work do they do?

Family members	Work they do
Which of your family m	nembers work to earn money?
Family Members	Work they do
Family Members	



Which of your family members do work but do not get money for it?



The message that should emerge through discussions is that all the different kinds of work are equally important. No work is better or worse than any other. When talking about the roles of family members if there is any gender bias, discuss the reasons for the same.





Find out from your grandparents what work they did when they were children

did when they were children.
Saramma asked her grandmother ( <i>Nani</i> ) the same question. Nani replied – When I was a child I would help my elders to collect firewood, make cowdung cakes and plaster walls with cowdung. But now we have a stove that works on gobar gas. The floor and the walls of our house are cemented. There is no need for Saramma to do some of the jobs that her grandmother
did in her childhood.
You had written about the work you do and the work done by your elders in their childhood. Is there a change?
Deepali had to leave school to do household work. Find out if there are any children in your neighbourhood who are over five years and do not go to school.
Talk to any two children and find out why they do not go to school.
Name of the first child
Reason for not going to school
Name of the second child
Reason for not going to school