



A Lesson on My Job by Alana Gray

Grade Level: Grade 5

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 1 hour

Lesson Keywords: Lesson Plan

Lesson Description: Vocabulary, Discussion, and Writing lesson plan covering 4 different 5th grade Common Core Standards in Reading/Writing

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.5.4a: Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.5.4c: Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.1a: Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.9b: Apply grade 5 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., ?Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point[s]?).

Lesson Content: Book/Story/Reading Passage

Instructions: Please read the following reading passage as many times as needed (aloud and silent) before starting to go through other lesson pages. Understanding the content of this passage is very important since the lesson activities will be all about this content. Feel free to print the passage if needed.

My Job

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Content: I am an employee at the department of streets and sanitation. Our department takes care of the streets, and we take care of the sewers, too. I go to work at midnight, and I work an eight-hour shift. It took me a while to get accustomed to working at night, but now I'm used to it.

Most people work in the daytime and are able to complete their job during that time. Their workplace closes at night, which is called business hours. They don't have to be at their workplace day and night to take care of things. However, sewer workers need to be available 24 hours a day. You can't close our office. Someone has to be on duty at all times. If a sewer breaks in the middle of the night, we have to fix it right then. If we don't repair it right away, the problem will continue to get worse.

One night I was on duty and there was a problem in a nearby community. I received a call from a homeowner who informed me that the sewer was broken. I asked her how she knew. She told me there was dirty water coming back up into their street.

I didn't go to fix the problem, because that's not actually my job. My job is to identify a problem and then figure out how to solve it. The homeowner told me about the problem, and then I looked at the map on the computer. It showed that she was right. We have sensors under the street, so that we know when there is a leak. The sensors confirm the leak.

I dispatched a team to fix the problem. Some of them were on duty, but others were off duty. I telephoned them at home and asked them to meet the team on the homeowners' street. The workers had to close the street for several hours while they repaired the sewer. First, they dug a hole to get to the sewer, and then they discovered the leak. After that, they had to replace a part of the pipeline. That took a lot of hard work, but they were able to finish it.

Most nights it is not particularly difficult to do my job. However, when we have a problem, we have to get it solved immediately, which is why I'm on night duty.

My wife is a police officer. She works nights, too. She and I both know it's important to have people on duty 24 hours every day. We make sure that when you wake up in the morning the city is safe and healthy.

Task 1: Vocabulary

Instructions: Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

Q: 1 WordPhrase: Accustomed **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: "It took me a while to get accustomed to working at night, but now I'm used to it." What does the word "accustomed" mean in this sentence?

- A: Familiar
- B: Unusual
- C: Scared of
- D: Not like

Question: Which one of the sentences below uses the word "accustomed" correctly?

- A: "The man accustomed a bag from the store because he liked it."
- B: "The boy was accustomed to waking up early for school each morning."
- C: "The music sounded accustomed. It was slow and had a lot of instruments."
- D: "Do you like accustomed food? Or do you like it another way?"

Q: 2 WordPhrase: Dispatched **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: "I dispatched a team to fix the problem. Some of them were on duty, but others were off duty. I telephoned them at home and asked them to meet the team on the homeowner's street." What does the word "dispatched" mean in this sentence?

- A: Sent out to work
- B: Told to stay home
- C: Fired
- D: Cancelled

Question: Which one of the sentences below uses the word "dispatched" correctly.

- A: The firefighter was dispatched to a house to put out a fire.
- B: My mother dispatched her job when she told them that she was going to stay home today.
- C: The store dispatched their employee when he dropped all of the eggs.
- D: The show was dispatched and it isn't coming on tonight.

Q: 3 WordPhrase: Informed **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: "One night I was on duty and there was a problem in a nearby community. I received a call from a homeowner who informed me that the sewer was broken." What does the word "informed" mean in this sentence

- A: To let somebody know
- B: To yell at
- C: To be sad
- D: To call

Question: Which one of the sentences below uses the word "informed" correctly?

- A: "The teacher informed the students that their project would be due tomorrow"
- B: "The girl informed out loud because she was upset."
- C: "The children cry when they are informed."
- D: "The mother informed her son on the telephone because she missed him."

Q: 4 WordPhrase: Confirm **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: "We have sensors under the street, so that we know when there is a leak. The sensors confirm the leak." What does the word "confirm" mean in this sentence?

- A: To give proof that something is true
- B: To fix something
- C: To break something
- D: To say that something did not happen

Question: Which one of these sentences uses the word "confirm" correctly?

- A: The girl showed her teacher her scratch work in order to confirm that she was not cheating.
- B: The man had to confirm the sink when it was leaking in order to get the water to stop.
- C: He called his mom to tell her that he did not confirm the toy, and that it still worked.
- D: The woman would always confirm that she didn't break the glass even though she really did.

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Task 2: Forum Discussion

Instructions: This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and two peer responses for each topic.

1 - Why was the main character's job so important?

Why was the main character's job so important? How do they help people??

2 - What is an important job to you?

What job do you feel is important to have in our community? Do they help people? Do you feel as if the job described in the text is an important job to have? Why or why not?

3 - Teamwork

How do the workers in the story show teamwork? How do they work together to get the job done??

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: Write 3 paragraphs on a job that you would like to have. Do they work as a team? When do you see them working? Explain how the person in the story helps people, and how the job you chose helps people in our community?

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