



A Lesson on My Job by Zoie Field

Grade Level: Grade 5

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 45 minutes

Lesson Keywords: employee, duty

Lesson Description: This lesson plan is about an employee from the department of street and sanitation.

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.1: Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.2: Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.1d: Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.2a: Use punctuation to separate items in a series.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

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 homeowner's 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: In the passage, the author states "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 the following passage?

- A: Unlikely
- B: Usual
- C: Unusual
- D: Unfamiliar

Question: Which of the following sentences below used the word "accustomed" correctly?

- A: I've become accustomed to the colder weather outside as it's really nice.
- B: The new job is awful, and I am accustomed to it.
- C: I am having a hard time becoming accustomed to working every day and I am not use to it.
- D: I am accustomed to ketchup on my burgers, I dislike it.

Q: 2 WordPhrase: informed **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: The author in the passage states "I received a call from a homeowner who informed me her sewer was broken." What does the word informed mean in this passage?

- A: knowledgeable
- B: unfamiliar
- C: senseless
- D: unfounded

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

- A: I have informed my house of any rodents inside.
- B: I watched my mother informed the clothing as she places them in the drawers.
- C: I have been informed by my father that I am not doing my chores correctly.
- D: I have grown informed in the backyard, so we have fresh oranges

Q: 3 WordPhrase: Sanitation **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: The author in the passage states "I am an employee at the department of street and sanitation." What does the word sanitation mean?

- A: dirtiness
- B: hygienic
- C: filth
- D: unhealthy

Question: Which one of the sentences below used the word "sanitation" correctly?

- A: The public bathrooms lack sanitation at times because it can be dirty.
- B: It's important to know that sanitation assist with rolling a wheel of hay.
- C: To keep up with my sanitation, I roll around in mud.
- D: You can see sanitation at dumpsters and garbage hills.

Q: 4 WordPhrase: Sensors **WordPhraseTier:** 3

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

- A: misconceiving
- B: mistaken
- C: alarmed
- D: misperceiving

Question: Which of the following sentences used the word "sensors" correctly?

- A: My mom has sensors when she goes to bed as it helps her sleep at night.
- B: We went to go check the sensors on the alarm because it was buzzing
- C: I heard that a sensor was upset because it was confused
- D: The classroom provided sensor when entering the classroom as it helps with creating a nice learning environment.

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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 - Employment of other jobs that require night shifts.

Think of some other career paths like (being employed for street and sanitation)?that work day and night and explain why these jobs are important?

2 - My wife is a police officer

In your own words, why do you think the author added that his wife was a police officer in the passage, My job? How does it relate to his story?

3 - I am an employee at the department of street and sanitation

Interpret how the author (The employee) feels about his job. What are the disadvantages of his employment and what are the advantages of his employment? Overall, do you think he enjoys his job?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: You are to establish 5 other career paths that work non-stop for our community. After identifying each occupation, list why that occupation is important to be running continuously day and night.?

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