

Americans at Work

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the difference between the things people need and want
- about goods and services
- about producers, consumers, and choices

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Lesson 2: Goods and Services

Community Goods and Services Discuss the places where your family buys goods like groceries and gas. Talk about the people who provide services to your family, like your mail carrier and doctor.

Lesson 3: Buy, Trade, and Save

Saving Money Remind your child that one way to buy the things they want is to save money. Talk with your child about why saving money is important and why a bank is a safe place to keep money.

Lesson 4: Producers and Consumers

Working Talk with your child about the different kinds of jobs people in your extended family have done to earn incomes. Be sure to include jobs you had as a young person.

Make It

Job Handbook Work together with your child to make a list of jobs in your community. Include people whose work is making and selling goods and people who provide services. Help your child illustrate the book with pictures of workers he or she knows.

Read to Learn More About It

Everybody Works, by Shelly Rotner. Photographs of people in a variety of jobs complement text about ways people work.

Supermarket, by Kathleen Krull. How food gets from farm to market is included in this behind-the-scenes look at a neighborhood supermarket.

Follow the Money, by Loreen Leedy. A quarter describes all the ways it is used from the time it is minted, from being deposited in a bank to being spent in a pet store.



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