

Careers and Jobs: 3rd-5th Grade

A RIF Guide for Educators

Themes: Careers, Jobs, Community Helpers

Book Brief: This guide is designed for use with books about careers and jobs at the 3rd-5th Grade reading level. Adapt the questions and activities in this guide to the book you are reading.

Content Connections: ELA, Social Studies

Time To Read!

Before we read, let's look at...

The Cover: Based on the cover, what careers or jobs will you learn about in this book?

Prior Knowledge: Name some things you know about this job. Name some things you would like to learn.

Vocabulary: Identify 8-10 words that are likely to be new to your students and introduce them before you read this book with your class.

Purpose for Reading: It's important to be able to identify the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details. As we read, determine the main idea and identify key details that support your answer.

While We Read

Monitoring Comprehension

- What jobs or careers are the focus of this book?
- Why is this job or career important? What special skills, services, or products do people with this job or career provide?
- Does this book feature the perspectives and experiences of real people who do this job? If so, compare and contrast the information you get from people who do this job (a firsthand account) with the information the author provides in the rest of the book (a secondhand account).
- Discuss the structure of this book (chronology, compare/contrast, problem/solution, cause/effect, or another structure) and explain how the structure helps you understand the content.

Let's Think About

Our Purpose: What is the main idea? Name several key details that support the main idea.

Extending Our Thinking: Use classroom print and digital resources to collect other information about this job. Give each student an index card and ask them to write one new thing they learned from another source. Have students briefly share what they learned. Then ask students to write one paragraph about what skills they already have that would help them to be successful in this job and what skills they would need to develop.