

EPISODE 4

A Job to Do

Theme:
RESPONSIBILITY

EPISODE CONCEPT *job posting*

STUDENT OBJECTIVE*

I can define the term *job posting* and can discuss its purpose.

EPISODE CHALLENGE

With the community still reeling from the effects of the storm, Gabe's educational programs seem less of a priority. He has set up a job board, but needs the Director's help to make it a success. Meanwhile, Suna is looking for work since she lost her job due to the storm. Students should recognize Suna's employment background is a good fit for the center's open Communications Associate position.

* *Display this objective at start of class and ask a student to read it aloud.*

PREPARE: EPISODE MINI LESSON

BEFORE CLASS: Make 4-5 photocopies of the sheet on the following page. Cut each sheet into six "cards," so that there are 4-5 copies of each different job posting card.

On the board, start a two-column list, using the headers "People Services" and "Repair/Construction."

TAP PRIOR KNOWLEDGE (10-12 MIN)

When students are seated, pass the cards out in random order, one per student. Tell students you will read them a list of available jobs and ask them to raise their hand if they're holding a card with that job. Assign a "captain" to be in charge of each job.

Give students about five minutes to list characteristics of a person who qualifies for that job. When time is up, have students return the cards to their captain. Allow an additional minute or two for captains to review the responses.

Refer to the two-column list on the board. List each job title in the appropriate column. Call on each captain to read aloud 3-5 of the most commonly suggested characteristics for each job post. Discuss the resulting list and answer students' questions. Here is an example of a completed list:

PEOPLE SERVICES

Tutor

- energetic
- patient
- loves subject

Part Time Office Worker

- organized
- no young children
- needs a second job

Veterinary Assistant

- energetic
- loves animals
- caring

REPAIR/CONSTRUCTION

Trucker

- clean driving record
- likes driving at night
- even temperament

Day Laborer

- needs immediate cash
- no commitments
- irregular schedule

House Painter

- physically strong
- on time
- driving age

GET READY TO APPLY (1-2 MIN)

Let students know that, as a result of the hurricane, many residents of Port Douglas have lost their jobs and even their businesses. **Ask:** *How might people be put to work rebuilding their community?* (Students may suggest fixing roads and bridges, rebuilding houses, counseling victims, contacting relatives, and providing emergency shelter.)

Tutor

Looking for someone to tutor at-risk teens in all subject areas. Small salary, great experience for the right person.

Part Time Office Worker

Seeking mature individual to answer phones in our pleasant office from 8 AM-12 PM five days a week.

Veterinary Assistant

Looking for full time assistant in busy downtown veterinary clinic.

Trucker

Openings for experienced drivers of full-size commercial vehicles. Long distances, steady work. All benefits.

Day Laborer

Hard work, long hours, fast pay.

House Painter

House painter needed for occasional work; no experience necessary; must have valid driver's license.