

The Food Bank



Literacy Focus

Suggested Level: Early Reader

(Note: These books have not been levelled using standardized book levelling systems. See back cover for our suggested level.)

Word Count and Vocabulary

Word Count: 410 words

High Frequency Words: where, are, have, answer(ed), know, when, why, about, then, people, buy, once, every, only, great, right

Reinforcing Skills

Multisyllabic Words: organize, newcomers, tomorrow, important, volunteer

Inflectional Endings: (ing, ed, s, es) donated, continued

Initial Consonant Blends: (pl, fr, cl) place, free, clothes

Digraphs: (th, wh, sh, ch) then, where, when, that, shelves, check "oo" - food, too, book

Silent letters—Oh, know, more

Homonyms: no/know, to/too

Book Introduction Consideration (based on student need)

Meaning	Structure	Visual
<p>P. 1— work, job, paid, volunteer</p> <p>P.3— Food Bank</p> <p>P.5— donated, Food Drive, organize</p> <p>P.7— pay, free</p> <p>P.9— newcomers, gift cards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Contractions—don't, It's, it's, I'll •Questions •Dialogue—including unassigned dialogue •Hmmm... •Introductory words—Hey, Well, Oh, Then, So, Now •Time Frames—Once a month, every month, only once, often 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Punctuation . , ? ! •Callouts—speech, thought •Compound Words—understand, onto, beside, newcomers, something, sometime) •Signs •Labels •List •Bold

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“Hey Gul Pana, where are you going?”
Fatema asked.

“I have to work now,” she answered.

“Work! You have a job?” Fatema asked.

“Well, I don’t get paid. I **volunteer.**”

“Oh, where do you do that?”

Work!
You have a job?



“At the Food Bank.” replied Gul Pana.
“The Food Bank? I know what a bank is but what is a Food Bank?” asked Fatema.

“It’s a place where people can go to get food when they need help.” explained Gul Pana.

“Hmmm... I still don’t understand why they call it a Food Bank,” said Fatema.
Gul Pana said, “Let me tell you more about the Food Bank and then you will understand.”



Gul Pana explained, "All the food at the Food Bank is donated. People buy food and give it to the Food Bank."

"Do you mean like the Food Drive we had at school when we collected cans of food?" asked Fatema.

"Yes, all that food came here to the Food Bank." said Gul Pana.

"Volunteers organize all the food onto the shelves in the back."



Once a month, people can come in to get the food they need.

Look here. They have a list like this, and they put a check mark beside the food they need.” explained Gul Pana.

“Then, volunteers will go and get the food from the shelves, put it in a box, and give it to the people to take home.”

“Do they have to pay for the food?” asked Fatema.

“No, it’s free,” replied Gul Pana.

FAMILY CODE: _____ Own Bags _____

PICKUP AT DOCK _____

Diet Restrictions: _____ Vegetarian _____

NO PORK _____

Kraft Dinner _____

Soup (Canned) Chicken _____

Soup (Canned) Mushroom _____

Soup (Canned) Tomato _____

Soup (Canned) Vegetable _____

Soup (Dry) Chicken _____

Soup (Dry) Mr. Noodle _____

Soup (Lg Cans) _____

Can Pasta _____

Tuna _____

Salmon _____

Pasta Sauce _____

Dry Pasta _____

Pork and Beans _____

Can Fruit (only if no fresh) _____

Can Vegetable _____

Can/Box Potatoe (only if no fresh) _____

Fresh/Frozen/Can Meat _____

Peanut Butter _____

Jam _____

Pow'd/Canned Milk _____ individual _____

Cereal pkg _____

Oatmeal _____

Juice _____

Tea or Coffee - Perk / Instant _____

Snacks _____

Jello/Pudding/Pudding Cups _____

Baby Products: (mark below) _____



“So, is the food bank only for newcomers to Canada?” asked Fatema.

“No,” answered Gul Pana. “Lots of different people go there. Some people come every month and some people only come once.”

Gul Pana continued, “Often families can get more than just food. They can get toys, books, clothes, and shoes. **Gift cards, too!**”

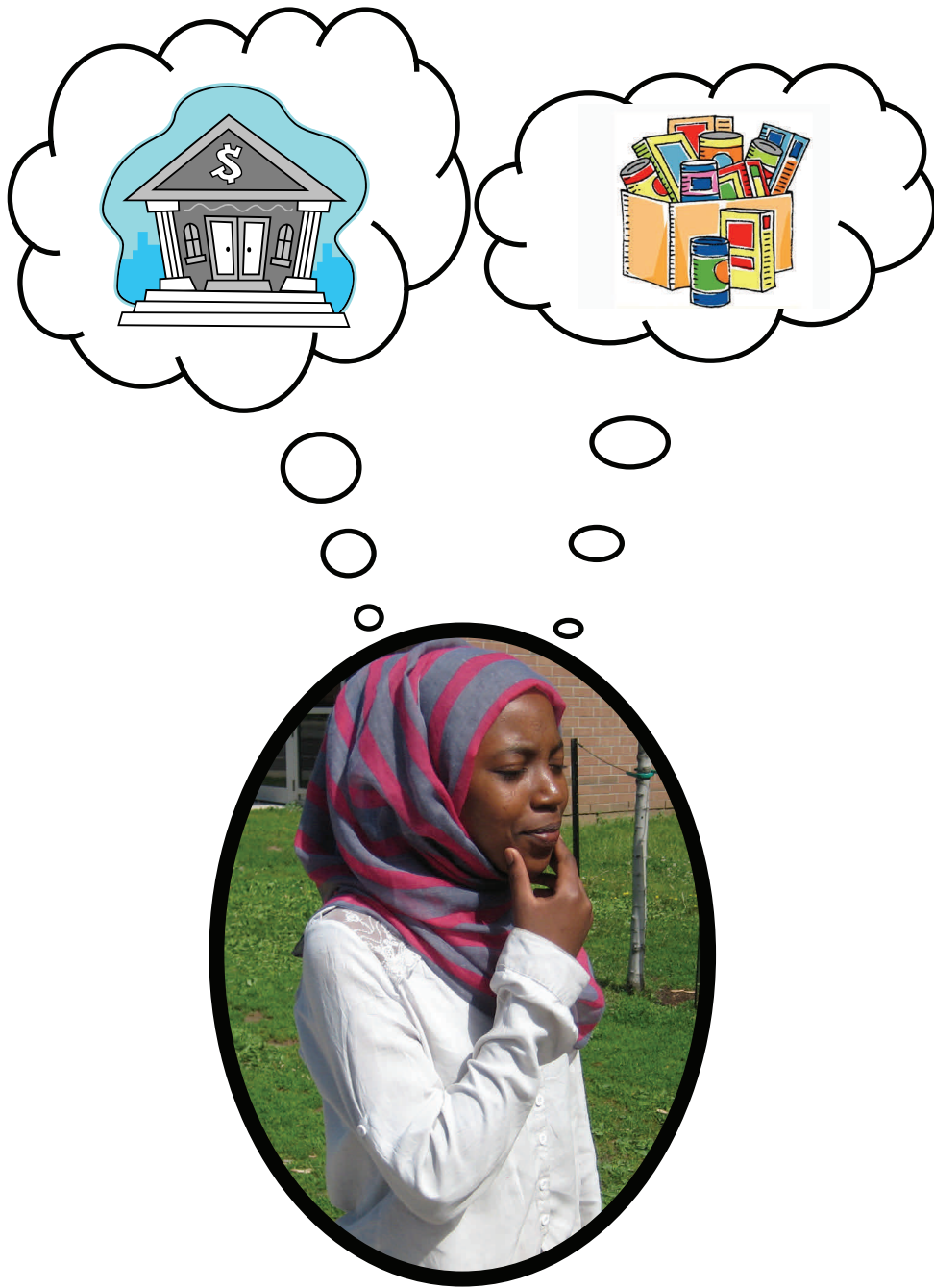


"Hey, that's a great way I can help my family. I'll tell them about it when I get home," said Fatema.

"Now, do you see why they call it a Food Bank?" asked Gul Pana.

"I think so," said Fatema. "It's a place where something important is kept and people take it out when it is needed," she explained.





"Thanks for telling me about the Food Bank, Gul Pana," said Fatema.

"No problem. You can come with me to volunteer sometime but right now I have to go. I don't want to be late. See you tomorrow."

"See you," said Fatema.



Glossary

volunteer

someone who does helpful work without pay

donate

to give something, especially money, to a person or an organization in order to help them

gift card

a plastic card that can be used in a store to buy things for the amount that is printed on it

