

Why Volunteer?



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Literacy Focus

Reading Level: Early Reader

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

Word Count and Vocabulary

Word Count: 275 words

High Frequency Words: *there, few, about one, why, work, want, was, our, school, people, great, kinds, new, find, where, how, their, children, neighbours, many, friends, next, first, easy, talk, because, right, away, another*

Reinforcing Decoding Skills

Initial Consonant Blends: pl-, cl-, pr-, fr-

Final Consonant Blends: -ct *project*, -st *first*,

Silent Consonant Blends: - gh, (*neighbour*, right)

Multisyllabic Words: settlement, fundraising, organized, community, volunteering, experience

Vocabulary: *said, asked, explained, added, wondered*

Book Introduction Considerations (based on student need)

Meaning	Structure	Visual
<p>p.1— volunteer (-ed, -ing)</p> <p>p.3—settlement worker, community</p> <p>p.5—skills</p> <p>p. 9—babysit, neighbours, patient</p> <p>p.11—fundraising, make change, add prices</p> <p>p.13—mural, team</p> <p>p.15—job interview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractions: <i>don't, I'm, didn't</i> • Irregular past tense: <i>said, became, got</i> • Introductory phrase: <i>Then one day, Another day,</i> • Inflectional endings: <i>-s, -ed, -ing</i> • Glossary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captions • Punctuation “ “, !, ? • Callouts—thinking, speaking • Resume

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There were a few things about life in Canada that I didn't understand when I first arrived.

One of them was **volunteering**.

"Why do people want to work for free?"

I asked myself.

I decided to find out.

Why do people
work for free?



First, I asked our school settlement worker, "Why do people volunteer?" She explained, "Volunteering is a great way to meet people and help our community." "Volunteering makes you feel happy," she added.

School Settlement Worker



Next, I asked my teacher, "Why do people volunteer?"

She said, "Volunteering is a great way to find out about different kinds of jobs and learn new skills."

Then she added, "It can help you get a paying job".





You can find out about different kinds of jobs.

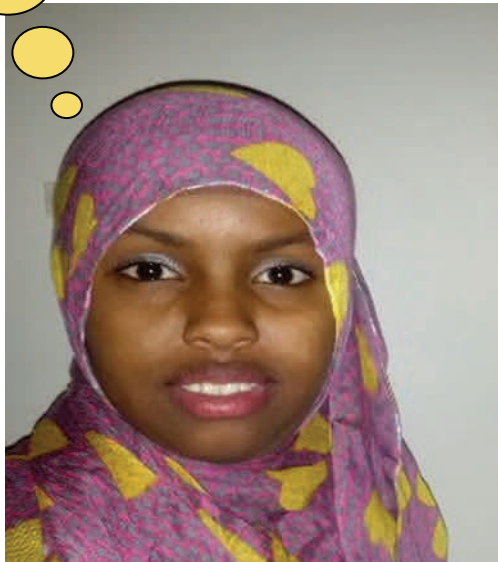


I wondered, "How do I find places where I can volunteer?"





Where do
I start?



Then one day, my neighbours
needed someone to babysit
their children.

“I can do it,” I said.

I felt happy to help my neighbours.
I learned how to take care of children
and be patient.



Babysitting



On another day, I helped with a **fundraising** project at school. We had a bake sale to raise money.

I made many new friends that day. I learned how to add prices quickly and make change.



Making change

Bake Sale



Next, I volunteered to help create a wall mural for the new Family Centre.

I learned how to work as part of a team, and how to paint!

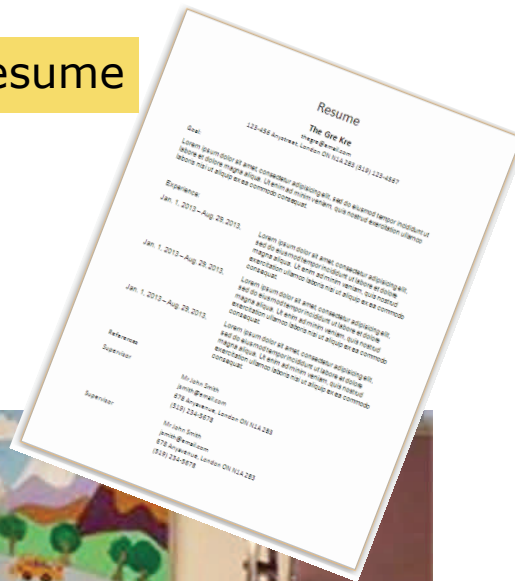
Wall Mural



This summer, I had my first **job interview**. It was easy to talk about myself and my skills because of my volunteering **experiences**.



Resume



Job Interview

I got the job right away.
Everyone was right about
volunteering. It helped me to get
my first paying job and I felt great
about helping my community.
I am so happy!

I love my
new job!



Glossary

experience	things you learn from doing
fundraising	raise money to help others
job interview	when you talk to someone to get a job
volunteering	doing helpful work without pay

Financial Literacy

Financial Skills

- Learn new work related skills: teamwork, communication, problem solving, project planning, task management and organization
- Try different kinds of jobs
- Expand social network
- Increase self-confidence

Building Financial Knowledge

Volunteering is a great way for students to gain Canadian work experience and skills in a non-threatening situation. Volunteering can teach students valuable job skills and can provide career experiences. Employers and college admissions often expect to see examples of volunteering experience on résumés and applications.

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Why do people volunteer?



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