

Income Has Limits

Read how work, hours, and pay affect what a person can earn.

SS6E13.a "Understand that income is received from work and is limited."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the details that show how Aisha receives income from work. Circle the details that show why her income has limits.

Aisha's Weekly Wages

- ① Income is money people receive for work or from another source. For many Australian households, wages are the main income. A worker earns wages by doing agreed tasks for an employer, such as serving customers, repairing cars, or caring for children. The amount earned depends on a pay rate and the number of hours worked. A person cannot simply choose any amount of wage income. Their job, hours, and pay agreement set limits on what they can earn in a pay period.
- ② Consider Aisha, who works at a bakery in Perth. Her pay rate is \$24 per hour, and she usually works 12 hours each week. Before she plans her spending, Aisha calculates that her weekly wages are about \$288 before tax. When the bakery is quiet, her manager may offer fewer shifts. Aisha could ask for more hours, but the bakery may not need extra workers. Her wage income is therefore limited by both her hourly rate and the available hours.
- ③ Income also has to cover needs and choices. Aisha wants to save for a concert ticket, but she first sets aside money for bus fares, lunches, and her phone plan. She cannot spend more than she receives without using savings or borrowing. If she works the same hours, her income does not rise just because prices rise or because she wants a new item. By tracking what she earns and comparing it with planned costs, Aisha can make decisions within the limit of her income.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What two factors determine how much wage income a worker earns?

2 How much does Aisha earn in weekly wages before tax when she works 12 hours?

3 What could cause Aisha to receive fewer hours of work?

4 Why cannot Aisha spend more money than she receives from work?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Invent a job for a person in Australia. Write three sentences that name the job, state an hourly pay rate and weekly hours, calculate weekly income, and explain one limit on how much the person can earn.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the details that show how Aisha receives income from work. Circle the details that show why her income has limits. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two factors determine how much wage income a worker earns?	A worker's pay rate and the number of hours worked.
2	How much does Aisha earn in weekly wages before tax when she works 12 hours?	About \$288 before tax.
3	What could cause Aisha to receive fewer hours of work?	If the bakery is quiet, her manager may offer fewer shifts because the bakery may not need extra workers.
4	Why cannot Aisha spend more money than she receives from work?	Her income is limited. She would need to use savings or borrow money to spend more than she receives.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Noah works at a grocery shop in Brisbane and earns \$22 per hour for 10 hours each week. His weekly wage income is \$220 before tax. His income is limited because the shop gives him only 10 hours of work each week.

Accept any realistic job, pay rate, and hours if the weekly income calculation is correct. The explanation must connect a limit on income to pay rate, available hours, or work offered by the employer.