

Income Has Limits

Trace how work creates income and why the amount can change.

SS7E10.a "Understand that income is received from work and is limited."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the work Lin does to receive income. Circle words or phrases that show why the amount of her income is limited.

Lin's Work and Pay

- ① In Guangzhou, China, Mei's aunt, Lin, works at a small noodle shop. Lin prepares vegetables, serves customers, and cleans tables. The owner pays her 22 yuan for each hour she works. During a busy school holiday, Lin works six hours on Monday and earns 132 yuan. That money is income because she received it for her work. It can help pay for food, bus rides, and part of the family's apartment rent. The income does not pay for everything.
- ② Lin's income is limited. She cannot simply choose any amount of money to receive. Her weekly income depends on the number of hours the owner schedules and the hourly pay rate. When fewer customers visit, the owner may schedule fewer workers. If Lin misses a shift because she is sick, she does not receive pay for those hours. She also has only so many hours in a week to work and rest. The shop must stay open and need enough customers to earn money.
- ③ Lin can plan carefully, but planning does not make her income unlimited. She lists needed costs first, such as rent, food, and transportation. If she earns less in one week, she may postpone buying a new phone case or eating at a restaurant. Working gives Lin income, yet the amount is restricted by her job's pay and available hours. Understanding this limit helps her make choices about spending and saving for present and future needs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Why is the 132 yuan Lin earns on Monday considered income?

2 What two factors determine Lin's weekly income?

3 What happens to Lin's income if she misses a shift because she is sick?

4 Why can careful planning help Lin make spending choices but not make her income unlimited?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Invent a worker in Southern or Eastern Asia. Write 3 sentences that state the worker's job, explain how the worker receives income, and give two reasons the amount of income is limited.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the work Lin does to receive income. Circle words or phrases that show why the amount of her income is limited. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is the 132 yuan Lin earns on Monday considered income?	It is income because Lin receives it as pay for working six hours at the noodle shop.
2	What two factors determine Lin's weekly income?	Her weekly income depends on the number of hours she is scheduled and her hourly pay rate.
3	What happens to Lin's income if she misses a shift because she is sick?	She does not receive pay for the hours of that missed shift.
4	Why can careful planning help Lin make spending choices but not make her income unlimited?	Planning can help Lin decide what to buy or postpone, but it cannot change her job's pay rate or create more available work hours.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Aiko works at a bakery in Osaka, Japan. She earns income when the bakery pays her for the hours she packages bread. Her income is limited because the manager schedules only certain hours and fewer customers may lead to fewer shifts.

Accept equivalent explanations that income is pay received for work. For the open response, accept any plausible job and location in Southern or Eastern Asia if the student explains two realistic limits on income.