Oklahoma at Work

Read how goods and services help the state grow.

3.C.4.3 "Describe the importance of Oklahoma's goods and services to the state's economic growth. Explain how Oklahoma's oil and gas discoveries (e.g., the Glenn Pool and Oklahoma City Oil Field)..."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two goods and circle two services in the passage. Number two places that show how Oklahoma people earn money from this work.

From Oil Wells to Stores

1 Long ago, people found large amounts of oil at Glenn Pool and the Oklahoma City Oil Field. Crews drilled wells to bring oil and gas from deep underground. The discoveries brought jobs to workers who drilled, hauled supplies, and built roads. Their pay helped families buy what they needed. Stores gained customers, too. Oklahoma still produces oil and gas today, and energy work remains an important part of the state's economy.

2 An economy grows when people make goods, provide services, and earn money from their work. Oklahoma farms raise beef cattle and grow wheat to sell. Factories make aircraft parts and other goods. Visitors pay for guided tours, which support tourism workers. Tribal businesses offer hotel stays and provide jobs. Military bases also employ people and buy supplies from nearby businesses. Together, these activities help many communities earn money.

3 Oklahoma businesses do not sell only to neighbors. Buyers in other states and other countries purchase Oklahoma beef, wheat, oil, and aircraft parts. Goods sold to other countries are called exports. These sales bring money into Oklahoma. Businesses can use that money to pay workers, who may then spend it at local stores. In this way, a sale far from home can help a business nearby.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did the oil discoveries at Glenn Pool and the Oklahoma City Oil Field help workers and stores?

2. Why is oil and gas work still important to Oklahoma's economy?

3. Choose two activities besides oil and gas work from the passage. What does each provide, and how does it help people earn money?

4. How could a sale of Oklahoma wheat to another country help a store in Oklahoma?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Invent an Oklahoma business that sells a good or service. In three sentences, tell what it sells, how it helps another Oklahoma worker or business, and how it reaches a buyer outside the state.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two goods and circle two services in the passage. Number two places that show how Oklahoma people earn money from this work. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the oil discoveries at Glenn Pool and the Oklahoma City Oil Field help workers and stores?	**The discoveries brought jobs and pay to workers. Workers spent money at stores, giving the stores more customers.**
2	Why is oil and gas work still important to Oklahoma's economy?	**Oklahoma still produces oil and gas, so energy work continues to provide jobs and income.**
3	Choose two activities besides oil and gas work from the passage. What does each provide, and how does it help people earn money?	**For example, factories make aircraft parts and employ workers. Guided tours bring in paying visitors and support tourism workers.**
4	How could a sale of Oklahoma wheat to another country help a store in Oklahoma?	**The sale brings money into Oklahoma. A business can pay workers, who may spend some of their pay at the store.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My made-up Oklahoma shop sews cloth lunch bags. It buys fabric from another Oklahoma shop, which helps that shop earn money. It ships the bags to customers in Texas, bringing money into Oklahoma.

Accept other passage-based goods, services, and explanations of how sales or jobs bring income to Oklahomans. For Your Turn, accept any plausible invented business with a clear local benefit and a buyer outside Oklahoma.