Work Across Regions

How jobs help people meet needs and wants

4.C.4.2.A "Identify the major economic activities in which people of each region work to satisfy their needs and wants (e.g., commercial agriculture, manufacturing, energy production, construction, and services such as healthcare and technology)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two kinds of work in each region. For each one, circle a need or want that the work helps people meet.

A Job for Each Place

1. On the Great Plains, wide fields and steady winds shape many jobs. Farmers grow wheat to sell to stores and food companies across the country. This large-scale farming is called commercial agriculture, and it helps people get food. Wind farm workers use tall turbines to make electricity for homes. In nearby towns, nurses and doctors provide healthcare when people are sick.

2. Around the Great Lakes, factories employ people who make car parts, tools, and other goods. This work is manufacturing, and the parts help people build cars for travel. Construction crews build and repair homes so families have safe places to live. Workers at hospitals also care for patients. Cargo ships on the lakes move factory goods to buyers in other places.

3. Along the Gulf Coast, workers drill for oil and natural gas beneath the land and sea. This energy production supplies fuel that people use for travel and electricity. At busy ports, service workers guide ships that carry goods to stores. Technology workers also design computer systems that help ports track cargo. These jobs connect the region to many other places.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Name two kinds of work on the Great Plains. What need does each one help meet?

2. Around the Great Lakes, which kind of work makes car parts? Which kind builds homes?

3. Which region has workers who drill for fuel, and what kind of economic activity is their work?

4. Which two regions have jobs that help provide electricity? Name the work in each region.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a mountain region with pine forests, a fast river, and small towns. In three or four sentences, describe two kinds of work people might do there and explain how each helps people meet a need or want.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two kinds of work in each region. For each one, circle a need or want that the work helps people meet. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two kinds of work on the Great Plains. What need does each one help meet?	**Commercial agriculture helps provide food. Wind energy production helps provide electricity. Healthcare helps care for sick people. Accept any two.**
2	Around the Great Lakes, which kind of work makes car parts? Which kind builds homes?	**Manufacturing makes car parts. Construction builds homes.**
3	Which region has workers who drill for fuel, and what kind of economic activity is their work?	**The Gulf Coast; energy production.**
4	Which two regions have jobs that help provide electricity? Name the work in each region.	**On the Great Plains, wind farm workers make electricity. Along the Gulf Coast, energy production supplies fuel used to make electricity.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Workers in a mountain region could turn pine logs into furniture, a kind of manufacturing. Families may want the tables and chairs they make. Other workers could run a hydroelectric plant that uses the fast river to make electricity for homes.

Accept reasonable jobs that fit the mountain setting. The response should name two kinds of work and explain a need or want met by each.