

Community Solvers



Concept
Learning Skills



Length
15-20 Minutes

Inquiry Prompts

- Why do we need different jobs?
- What would it be like if everyone had the same job?
- What jobs help make our school or community work?

Instructions

In this activity, students identify people in careers who can help resolve a problem in a fictional community. The activity gives students the chance to solve the problem with a unique team of workers, underlining the idea that some tasks can be handled by multiple career practitioners.

- 1 Give each student a [Community Solvers activity sheet](#). There are 6 worksheets, each with a different scenario. You can have students work on the same scenario, individually or in small groups, or distribute the sheets to students work on various scenarios.
- 2 Explain to students that they are going to research and find someone in a career who can help solve the problem described on their worksheet. They need to be able to explain what the person does in their job, the career group the job belongs in, and the skills, tools, or knowledge they might use to fix the problem.
- 3 Help students log in to Xello and locate the **Careers** section.
- 4 When they've found a suitable job, students should record the information on their worksheets and draw a picture of the person in the career fixing the problem.
- 5 If some students were given the same problem to solve, point that out. Ask if they all picked the same career as the resolution.

Message for students: It takes people in lots of different careers to make a community work. But that doesn't mean that some careers don't share the same goals, like helping people or working in nature. What other careers have you seen in your community? What career groups do you think they belong to?

Materials Required

- [Community Solvers activity sheets](#)
- Pencils, colored pencils, or markers
- Computers (tablets, phones) with Internet access

Artifacts

Upload students' community solver worksheets to **Storyboard**, where they can reflect on how people in different jobs work together to get things done.

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Uh oh! A dog has hurt his paw.



A person in what career can help? _____

What career group is this job in? _____

What tools, skills or knowledge will this person in the career use? _____

Draw a picture of the person in the career solving the problem.

A large empty rectangular box with a thin grey border, intended for drawing a picture of the person in the career solving the problem.

Name: _____

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Uh oh! The park needs a new basketball court.



A person in what career can help? _____

What career group is this job in? _____

What tools, skills or knowledge will this person in the career use? _____

Draw a picture of the person in the career solving the problem.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin grey border, intended for drawing a picture of a person in a career solving the problem.

Name: _____

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Uh oh! The school needs to buy new computers.



A person in what career can help? _____

What career group is this job in? _____

What tools, skills or knowledge will this person in the career use? _____

Draw a picture of the person in the career solving the problem.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin grey border, intended for a drawing. It occupies the lower half of the page.

Name: _____

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Uh oh! The fall fair needs entertainers.



A person in what career can help? _____

What career group is this job in? _____

What tools, skills or knowledge will this person in the career use? _____

Draw a picture of the person in the career solving the problem.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin grey border, intended for a drawing of a person in a career solving the problem.

Name: _____

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Uh oh! A couple needs a cake for their wedding.



A person in what career can help? _____

What career group is this job in? _____

What tools, skills or knowledge will this person in the career use? _____

Draw a picture of the person in the career solving the problem.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a picture of a person in a career solving the problem.

Name: _____

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Uh oh! Someone has a painful sunburn and wants to feel better.



A person in what career can help? _____

What career group is this job in? _____

What tools, skills or knowledge will this person in the career use? _____

Draw a picture of the person in the career solving the problem.

Name: _____