

Types of Work People Do

Chapter 13: The Value of Work · Topic 1

Key Concept

Some work involves physical labour, like farming or construction, while other work is more mental or service-based, like teaching or accounting.

Work can also be classified as paid (earning wages or salary) or unpaid (like housework), though both types of work are valuable and often essential.

Different types of work require different skills, education, and training, from manual skills for a carpenter to years of study for a doctor.

Every type of work is important, contributing to society - understanding this helps us appreciate all workers, regardless of their profession or income level.

Quick Revision Notes

- Work can be physical labour, like farming or construction.
- Work can be mental or service-based, like teaching.
- Work can be paid or unpaid.
- Unpaid work, like housework, is still valuable.
- Different work requires different skills and training.
- A carpenter needs manual skills; a doctor needs years of study.
- Every type of work is important to society.
- We should appreciate all workers regardless of profession.

Practice Questions

- 1 List five different types of work and classify them as physical or mental/service.
- 2 Discuss why unpaid work like housework is valuable.
- 3 Research the skills needed for a job you're interested in.
- 4 Interview a family member about their work.
- 5 Discuss why all types of work deserve respect.
- 6 Create a chart of different jobs and the skills they require.