What Do You Like To Do?





Introduction to Trades for Elementary Students

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What Do You Like To Do?

Every person is special. And every person is different. Sometimes we like to do the same things as our friends, and sometimes we like to do things differently.

Working with our hands can make us feel happy and satisfied. We can create things or build things or fix things or grow things. What are some of the hobbies or interests that you enjoy doing?



Our Communities

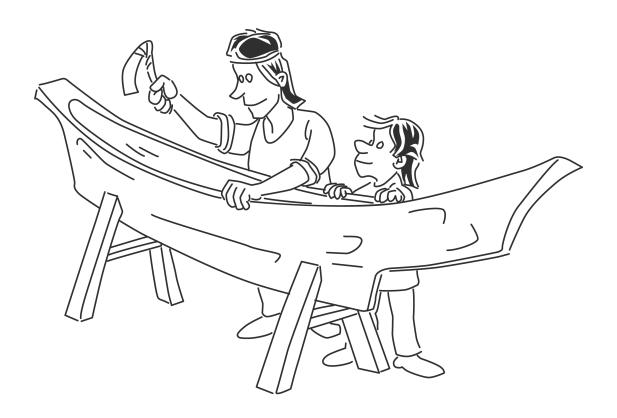
We all live in a community. Some communities are small like a village and some communities are large like a city. Communities are made up of many people who have different interests and do different jobs. Everyone contributes to their community.

Larger communities have more people working at more jobs than in a smaller community. This is why we sometimes need to go to a larger community for more services, like more stores or more doctors' offices.

Communities are built by people who have jobs that require them to work with their hands. These are tradespeople and the jobs they work in are called trade careers.

Tradespeople have traditionally been known as craftspeople. In most First Nations communities, master craftspeople are well respected for their skills. A person who carves canoes may train to become a Master Canoe Carver or a person who weaves may train to become a Master Weaver. The skills developed by these masters may be passed down from generation to generation.

It may take many years to teach a boy or a girl the skills to be a Master Carver or a Master Weaver.



A man or woman who is learning a trade is called an apprentice. An apprentice learns from a master in the trade; this master is called a journeyperson.

An apprentice is trained in using hand tools and power equipment.

If a person is interested in working with their hands and becoming a tradesperson, they need to think about the things that they like to do.

Some people like to design and create things, does this sound like you?

Some people like to build things, does this sound like you?

Some people like to take things apart to figure out how they work and put them back together again to make them work even better. Does this sound like you?

Some people like machines. Does this sound like you?

Some people like to fix things that are broken. Does this sound like you?

And some people like to be outdoors in gardens or forests. Does this sound like you?

Do you like to create things?



Some tradespeople like to create things too.



✓Baker ✓ Cook ✓ Hairstylist ✓ Painter & Decorator

Do you like to build things?



Some tradespeople like to build things too.



✓Carpenter ✓Roofer ✓Welder ✓Metal Fabricator

Do you like to figure things out?



Some tradespeople like figuring things out too.



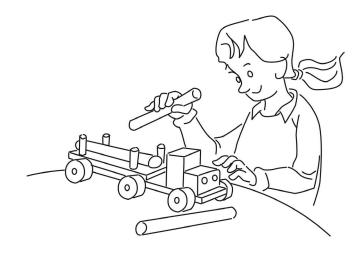
Electrician

✓ Locksmith

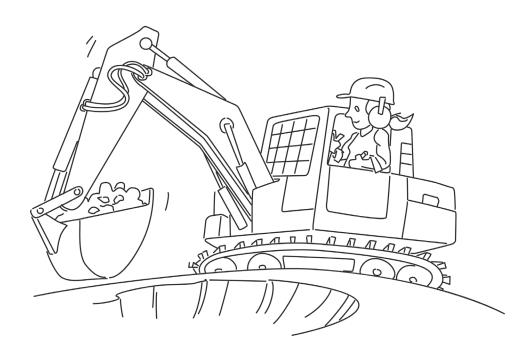
✓ Plumber

✓ Security Systems Technician

Do you like machines?



Some tradespeople like to operate machinery.



- ✓ Heavy Equipment
 Operator
 - ✓ Tower Crane
 Operator
- ✓ Water

 Well Driller

Do you like to fix things?



Some tradespeople like to fix things too.



- Technician
- Mechanic
- Automotive Service

 Motorcycle

 Aircraft Maintenance Technician

Do you like to be outdoors?

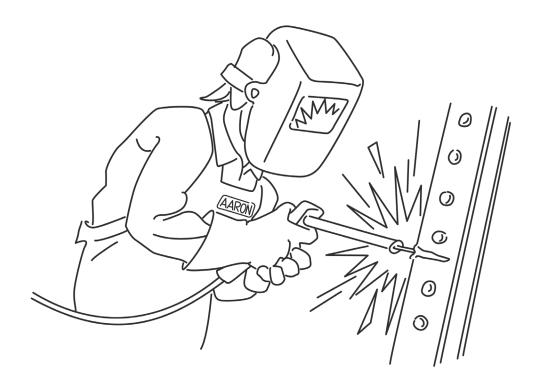


Some tradespeople like to work outdoors.



✓ Landscape Horticulturist ✓ Field
Arborist

✓ Production Horticulturist



Do you know what this tradesperson is doing?

Do you know any tradespeople? Ask the tradespeople that you know what they like most about their job.

Many trades are also called "Red Seal" trades. A journeyperson who receives a Red Seal certificate may use their skills in jobs anywhere in Canada.

Ask the tradespeople you know if they have earned a Red Seal Certificate.

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Which trades do you think look interesting or fun?

If you were to successfully train as an apprentice in a trade that you find interesting, you would earn a certificate.

Write the name of a trade that you find interesting on the RED SEAL Certificate below.

Certificate of Apprenticeship
This is to certify that has successfully completed training as a registered apprentice in the trade of:
Red Seal

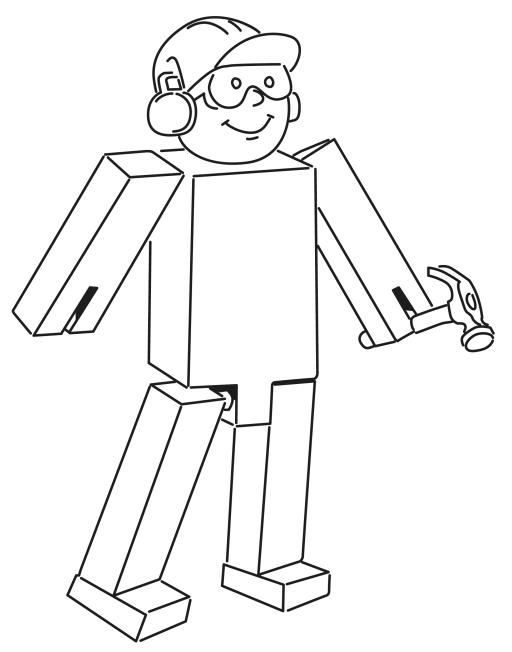
Tool Talk

When some tradespeople go to work, they wear special clothes and they may use special tools or equipment to do a good job and to do a safe job. For instance, a carpenter may require a table saw to be on the job site so boards can be cut to exact measurements and a heavy machine operator requires a hard hat, hearing protection, steel toe boots, and a safety vest to do the job safely. Learning to use tools and equipment safely is an important part of being a tradesperson.

Which tradespeople do you think might use these tools and equipment?

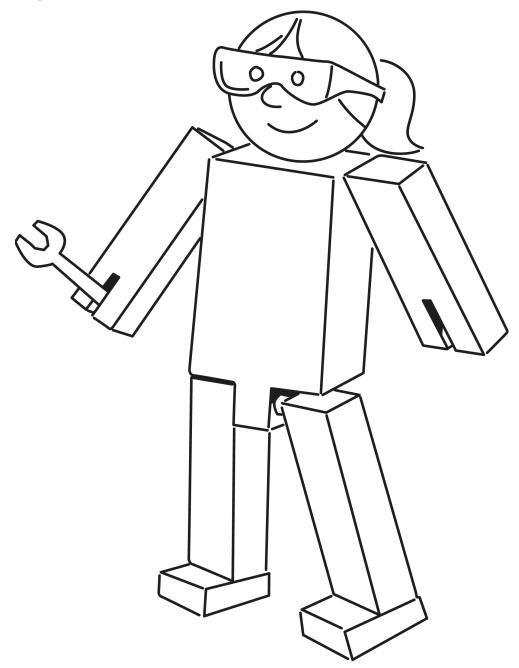
Wrench	
Face Shield	
Rolling Pin	
Power Drill	
Safety Vest	
Wire Cutters	
Hammer	
Tape Measure	
Pruning Shears	
Paint Roller	

This character is wearing a hard hat to protect his head, safety goggles to protect his eyes, and hearing protection for his ears. The safety equipment he is wearing and the hammer he is holding helps us to understand he may be a carpenter.



Draw a safety vest and steel toe boots on the tradesman. Colour the drawing.

This character is holding a wrench and is wearing safety goggles to protect her eyes. What do you think her job might be?



Draw hearing protection and steel toe boots on the tradeswoman.

Colour the drawing.

There are many hobbies and projects that can help anyone begin to develop the skills needed to become a craftsperson or even a tradesperson. The trick is to find something that you love to do and just have fun with it — and always remember to use tools and equipment safely!

Here are some materials that can be used to create or build or fix or grow. Do what you like to do!

Art supplies

Fabric

Food

Metal

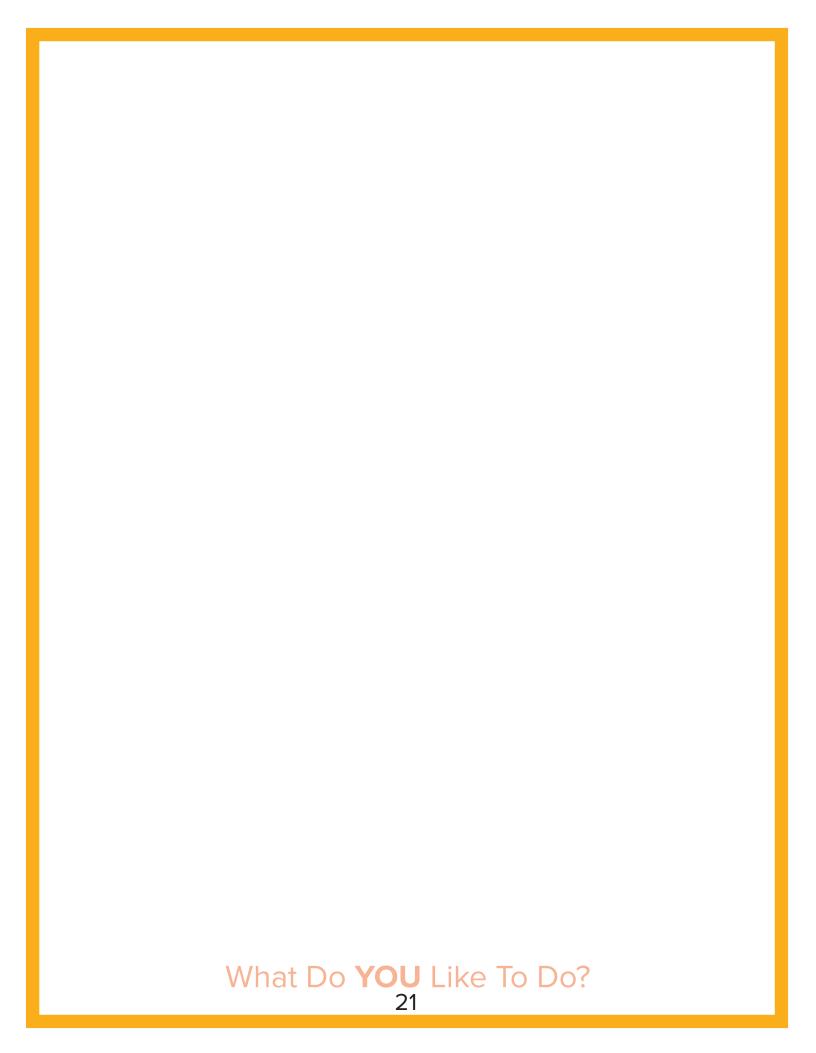
Paper

Plants

Plastic

Styrofoam

Wood





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