

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

Curious About Careers: Teacher

Do you enjoy working with kids? Do you like helping people? Is learning fun for you? Teaching could be the career for you!

Teachers need to graduate from college and get their teaching license in whichever state they would like to teach in. This requires taking some tests and working with another teacher for a few months to make sure they understand the best ways to work with students.

Teachers need to be able to work well with other people. They need to work with students, parents, other teachers, and other staff members at the school. Sometimes the students may get frustrated if they don't understand the work, so teachers need to know how to help them calm down and work through it. Other times the students might have something **unpleasant** going on at home, so teachers need to be able to listen and provide a safe place for those students. Teachers may plan lessons with other teachers in the same subject area or grade level, so they have to be able to work well with their colleagues. There are many other staff members in schools who teachers also need to work with, including principals, coaches, secretaries, and custodians.

As most kids know, teachers also have to do a lot of grading. They grade math tests, spelling tests, and many other papers. But did you know that a lot of teachers also have to create their own lessons, worksheets, projects, and tests? Most teachers are told what information they have to teach, but they may get to choose how to teach it. Teachers may use technology, art, books, and experiments to teach their topics, among other ways! They take a lot of time to create lessons that will help their students learn.



Grade 5 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Teachers have to continue to learn throughout their careers. They attend workshops, take classes, read books, and research teaching topics online. All kids learn a little differently, so there is always new information to learn about the best ways to teach students!

Not only do teachers have to get along with many different types of people, plan lessons, and keep learning, but they also have to keep track of how students are doing so that they can offer extra help to any students who are having a hard time learning. They look at test scores and other data constantly to make sure their class is keeping up with how students across the country are performing. They want to make sure that students in all of the schools are learning as much as they can, no matter where they live or which school they attend.

There is a lot of work to do as a teacher, both during school and after school, but working with students is a lot of fun, too! Luckily teachers get some time to catch up on all of their work over breaks. Many teachers use their breaks to learn more about teaching, or create fun activities for upcoming units. They also take some time to relax, too, so they have more energy to share with their classes when school begins again! Teaching is a great career for people who love to help others, who love to keep learning, and who want to make the world a better place.





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2. Why is it important for teachers to work well with others?

3. What does “*unpleasant*” mean in the 3rd paragraph? How do you know?

4. What are tasks that might be different for an elementary school teacher versus a high school teacher?

5. Would teaching be a good fit for you when you grow up? Why or why not?

Answers:

1. What do people need to do if they want to become teachers?

You need to enjoy working with kids, helping them and find learning fun to become a teacher.

2. Why is it important for teachers to work well with others?

Teachers need to work well with students, parents, other teachers, and other staff members at the school. It is important they get on well with all these groups of people for the students to succeed.

3. What does “unpleasant” mean in the 3rd paragraph? How do you know?

Unpleasant means causing discomfort, unhappiness. For there to be a need to provide a safe place, these student must have things going on at home that cause them discomfort or unhappiness.

4. What are tasks that might be different for an elementary school teacher versus a high school teacher?

Answers will vary, but one acceptable answer is that elementary school teachers teach a variety of subjects, whereas high school teachers will only teach one or two subjects.

5. Would teaching be a good fit for you when you grow up? Why or why not?

Answers will vary.