



## Student worksheet 2: Workers' profiles

### Worker #1

**Name:** Erik

**Age:** 20

**Job:** Agricultural/farm worker

**Year:** 1946

**Sex:** Male

**Sources:** *Canada Year Book 1967*, page 742; *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 132, Table 28.

My name is Erik. I am a strong farm worker. I am 20 years old. I enjoy working on the farm, but I want to get married and I need job security.

What has the trend in number of jobs been for farm work?

Can you tell me if I will still be able to expect to be a farm worker in 20 years?

Take a look at the data and that will help you decide how to help me.

What does the trend look like?

I need your advice. Should I stay in my farm job or start looking for another kind of job?

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### Worker #2

**Name:** Anna

**Age:** 25

**Job:** Clerical worker

**Year:** 1921

**Sex:** Female

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 132.

My name is Anna. I enjoy my job as a clerk in a small office. I am hoping to work as a clerk for many more years, but I have heard rumours that this kind of work will not be around in the future.

Will I still be able to work as a clerk in an office 10 years from now (1931)?

What is the trend in clerical jobs for women over the past 30 years? Over the next 10?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#).



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### Worker #3

**Name:** Grace

**Age:** 22

**Job:** Teacher

**Year:** 1930

**Sex:** Female

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 965, Table 5.

My name is Grace. I am a teacher here in Prince Edward Island. In 1926, I earned more money than I am earning now. I can't have this continue. I need to earn a better income. I am thinking of moving to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario or Alberta.

What is the best salary I could earn in one of these provinces?

How much more will it be than in the next best location?

How does it compare with the salary of a male teacher?

Please advise me about where I should move to keep on teaching.

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### Worker #4

**Name:** Danny

**Age:** 12

**Job:** Unskilled worker

**Year:** 1926

**Sex:** Male

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 131.

My name is Danny. I have been working with some road builders here in Ontario, but my mom says I should quit and go back to school. I'm only 12, not full-grown yet, but I like the money, even if it isn't much. What should I do?

What has been happening for unskilled child workers like me in the past five years? What about the future?

How many kids have jobs now and in 1931? What percentage of the workforce is that?

Should I keep on working or go back to school?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#).



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### Worker #5

**Name:** Jacques

**Age:** 26

**Job:** Skilled mine worker

**Year:** 1936

**Sex:** Male

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 744, Table 8.

My name is Jacques. I've been working in this mine for more than 10 years. It's hard work and dangerous, too. Last week, my buddy Frank was killed in a cave-in. I'm afraid I'll be next.

Please find me some information about deaths in mines—it's all about mine safety.

How many fatal mine accidents have there been since 1932?

What percentage of fatal accidents occurred in mines?

What is the trend?

Do you think I should find another job?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#).



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### Worker #6

**Name:** Nicole

**Age:** 32

**Job:** Salaried manager in a factory

**Year:** 1967

**Sex:** Female

**Sources:** *Canada Year Book 1967*, page 756, Table 15, *Canada Year Book 1967*, page 758, Table 18.

My name is Nicole. I have been a manager in this factory for nearly six years. I just found out that I earn a lot less than my friend John, who does the same job as I do. My situation is common.

Find the data for total hours of work each week for men and women for 1956 and 1965.

Then find the data for weekly earnings for men and women for the same years. Not a nice picture for me, that's for sure.

What do you recommend?

Who can help me remedy this situation?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#).



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### Worker #7

**Name:** Doug

**Age:** 33

**Job:** Pressman at a newspaper

**Year:** 1947

**Sex:** Male

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1947*, page 652, Table 34.

My name is Doug. I live here in Winnipeg—just got back from fighting in Europe. I was a pressman before I went off to war, and I need to get back to work at a newspaper again. I'm not sure if Winnipeg is the best place for me to earn the best living at my job.

Please do some research for me and let me know which city in Canada, as shown, is the best for me.

I'd like you to rank the five cities in order of best deal for me to worst deal for me. I am thinking about hourly wages.

Then suggest where I should move, if at all.

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#).



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### Worker #8

**Name:** Monique

**Age:** 19

**Job:** Factory worker in Montréal

**Year:** 1961

**Sex:** Female

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1967*, page 748, Table 8.

My name is Monique. I work in a big factory that makes sheets and towels here in Montréal. I like my work, although it is hard and pretty dusty. My mom thinks I should change to a new kind of work, but I am not sure.

Please do some research for me and find out what the trends are for textile workers.

Will there be lots of jobs in textile factories like this in the next few years?

Should I quit my job or stay here?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#).





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### Worker #9

**Name:** Louis

**Age:** 24

**Job:** Bricklayer in Toronto

**Year:** 1945

**Sex:** Male

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 652, Table 34.

My name is Louis. I work hard every day and many hours each week. We have a lot of business these days, putting up new buildings in the city. But my brother Angelo went out to Vancouver. He says the pay there is better, and the hours, too. I would like to earn more money, but I like it here—lots of friends and lots of work. I wonder if you can help me.

Should I move to another big Canadian city to find work laying bricks or should I stay here?

Where can I get the best deal: shorter hours and more pay?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#) .



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### Worker #10

**Name:** Carl

**Age:** 31

**Job:** Bookbinder in Halifax

**Year:** 1945

**Sex:** Male

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1937*, page 652, Table 34.

My name is Carl. I have been working as a bookbinder here in Halifax for the past few years, since I got wounded in the war. Got shot up on a convoy across the Atlantic. My work is okay. I can handle the job, but the pay is not as high as I want. I have heard that bookbinders make more money in some other big Canadian cities. If I move away from Halifax, I'll be leaving my friends, but I think my life will be better if I earn more money.

What city has the best wages for bookbinders?

What other cities are better than this one? What should I do?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#).



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### Worker #11

**Name:** Brigit

**Sex:** Female

**Job:** Hotel housekeeping worker in  
St. John's

**Age:** 18

**Year:** 1966

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1967*, page 740, Table 1.

My name is Brigit. I have this job in the big hotel here in St. John's. I work in housekeeping services. I like my work, but it's hard and the hours are long. My pay doesn't seem to get me very far, either. My cousin Eddie works in the same hotel and he brags that he's making a lot more money than I am. I think he's right. I think I'd like to move to another city and get work in another hotel. Then maybe I could earn more money. It would be nice to have a shorter work week, too.

Should I move?

Where can I earn the most, doing a hotel housekeeping job?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#) .



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### Worker #12

**Name:** Joy

**Age:** 20

**Job:** Factory worker in Toronto

**Year:** 1965

**Sex:** Female

**Source:** *Canada Year Book 1967*, page 758.

My name is Joy. I have a job assembling television sets here in Toronto. I thought I was making a decent wage till I found out about my friend Bob, who also works here. I am thinking about my future.

Should I apply for a clerical job in this factory?

Do they make better money than I do?

What if I go back to school and get enough education to become a manager?

Will I earn a lot more doing that than I do now?

Will I earn as much as a male manager?

What is the best thing for me to do?

Should I move to another city?

What is your advice?

Answer these questions in the space provided on [Student worksheet 1](#).