

**Class 5
EVS**
Who will do this work?


A Look at the picture and write



1. Have you seen such scenes around you?

Ans. Yes, I have seen such scenes around me.

2. Have you ever thought of people who do this work? What is our responsibility to keep the place clean?

Ans. The people who have to do this work feel it is very difficult, dirty, hard, and laborious. Keeping our environment clean is a collective responsibility that we all share. There are some points given below:

- i. Do not throw waste on the road.
- ii. Refuse single-use items (especially plastic).
- iii. Reduce the use of chemicals and properly dispose of waste.
- iv. Recycle waste products.
- v. Plant more trees.
- vi. Organize clean-up campaigns.

3. Why do you think people need to do this kind of work?

Ans. People need to do this kind of work because of poverty.

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1. Since When have they been doing this work?

Ans. They have been doing this work for 10–15 years.

2. How much have they studied?

Ans. Majority of them have not studied beyond class 5.

3. Have they tried to look for some other work?

Ans. No, they have not tried to look for some other work.

4. Did the elders in their family also do this work?

Ans. Yes, the elders in their family also do this work.

5. What kind of difficulties do they face in doing this work?

Ans. They have to face many difficulties while doing this work, such as:

- i. They have to face excessively foul smelling garbage due to which they might suffer from much health related problems.
- ii. The other people look them with hatred and consider them as belonging to a low and backward community.
- iii. Even if they study, they do not get good jobs.

6. What are the different kinds of work being done in this drawing? List any five of these.

Ans. The five different kinds of work shown in the drawing are as follows:

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| i. Milking a cow | iv. Carrying garbage |
| ii. Working in the garden | v. Rag picking. |
| iii. Sweeping the road | |

7. If you were asked to do any five jobs shown in this picture, which would you choose?

Ans. I would choose the following jobs:

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| i. Teacher | iv. Scientist |
| ii. Shopkeeper | v. Artist. |
| iii. Doctor | |

8. Which five jobs would you not choose? Why?

Ans. The five jobs that I would not choose are:

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| i. Sweeper | iv. Construction worker |
| ii. Labourer | v. Gatekeeper. |
| iii. Fruit/vegetable hawker | |

I want to do a job so that I and my parents can be proud of it. I want to do a respectful job and also want to earn more.

C Discuss

1. What kinds of work or jobs do people not want to do? Why?

Ans. The work that does not require much brain is not challenging; for example, the work of a sweeper, gatekeeper, doing whitewashing on buildings, etc. People do not want these jobs because they cannot earn well, they are not challenging, and they are not considered respectful.

2. So, who does this kind of work? Why do people do this kind of work that others do not want to do?

Ans. Poor people usually do this kind of work. This is because:

- i. They do not have enough money to study and get a good job.
- ii. Even if they study and get a degree, they still do not get a good job.
- iii. They have been in this job since their great-grandparents or even before that; thus, they are forced to get into this job only.

D Imagine

1. What would happen if nobody did this work? If nobody cleared the garbage lying outside your school or your house for one week, then what would happen? Think of some ways so that people would not do the work they don't like to do. Draw a picture of what you thought.

Ans. If nobody would clear the garbage lying outside our school or our house, there would be:

- i. A lot of garbage accumulated here and there on the roads.
- ii. The place would become very filthy and foul-smelling.
- iii. A lot of mosquitoes and other germs would breed in these areas and spread diseases.

Some other ways to clean so that people would not have to do this work are:

- i. Crane: A crane can be used that carries a huge amount of garbage at a time and does not require people to hold the garbage by hand.
- ii. Dalao: It is a special type of big dustbin in which garbage is collected. When it gets filled up, a crane or truck is brought, and it takes away the whole dustbin as it is.

E	Tell
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1. Why did Gandhiji and his team start doing the job of cleaning? What do you think about this?

Ans. Gandhiji wanted to remove the practice of untouchability from society and also wanted the people to respect each other. Thus, Gandhiji and his team started doing the job of cleaning by themselves, so others could learn from them.

2. Do you know any such people in your area who try to help others in solving their problems? Find out.

Ans. Yes, there is a lady in our colony who has started an NGO. This NGO is working for the cleanliness of the roads, drains, etc. The people working in the NGO personally clean and sweep the roads and drains, and thus they are helping others solve their problems.

3. Guests at Gandhi ji's Ashram had to learn this work also. If you were one of these guests, what would you do?

Ans. I would have learned this work and would have happily done it.

4. What are the toilet arrangements in your house? Where is the toilet? Inside the house or outside? Who cleans the toilet?

Ans. There are toilets in my house; one is attached to a room, and another is common for everyone. The toilet is inside the house. The toilet is modern with a good water facility. Usually, the mother cleans the toilet, but sometimes everyone will do so.

5. How did the man who was returning from the toilet behave with Mahadevbhai? Why did he behave like this?

Ans. The man who was returning from the toilet talked with Mahadevbhai in an insulting way and treated him with a feeling of hatred. He thought that these people who clean the toilet are from a very low community and are untouchable. Thus, they should be treated like this.

6. How do people generally behave with those people who clean toilets and drains? Write.

Ans. People generally behave with those who clean the toilets and drains in an insulating way, as they consider them untouchables and those belonging to a low community. They dislike them and avoid touching them or allowing them to enter their kitchen or other rooms of the house, except the toilets.

7. Narayan and Gandhiji discussed all this many years ago. Have things changed now?

Ans. Yes, things have changed a lot now. Today, most people do not believe in untouchability. In fact, the government has also passed many rules in favor of these people, according to which misbehaviour with them is punishable by law.

F	Tell
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1. Who does the cleaning in your school? What all has to be cleaned?

Ans. There are sweepers who do cleaning at my school. They clean the rooms, the terrace, the toilets, and the playground.

2. Do all children like you help in this? If yes, how?

Ans. Yes, most of the students will help them by throwing the dust in specified bins only.

3. If all do not help, why not?

Ans. Some students who belong to rich families do not help. They think that the job of a cleaner is a dirty job.

4. Do all children do all kinds of work?

Ans. No, all children do not do all kinds of work. Children who consider some jobs dirty avoid doing them.

5. Do they sometimes have to miss classes to do this work?

Ans. No, there is no need to miss classes for this work. The task of cleaning or maintaining hardly required 5–10 minutes a day.

6. Do the girls and the boys do the same kinds of work?

Ans. Yes, both girls and boys do the same kind of work.

7. What all work do you do at home?

Ans. I do the following work at home:

- i. I clean my room daily. After studying, I arrange all my books and copies properly and do not allow them to spread.
- ii. I also clean my bed daily.

8. Is the work done by boys and girls, men and women the same?

Ans. No, usually the work done by boys and girls, men and women, is not the same. Girls and women are usually involved in household jobs like cleaning rooms, cooking, washing clothes, etc. The boys and men are usually involved in outdoor jobs like brining vegetables, fruit, oil, other household things, paying electricity bills, etc.

9. Would you like to bring some changes? What kind?

Ans. Yes, I would like to bring some changes to this. Girls and women should also be allowed to study so that they can get good jobs and become independent and self-reliant. Moreover, the boys and men should also participate in some household work and help the women.

G Discuss

1. Do people look at different kinds of work in the same way? If not, why is this so? Why is it important to bring change?

Ans. No, there are people who look differently at different kinds of work. Some people have yet to change their mindset.

It is important to bring change because of several reasons. Every work is important for the society. A simple job does not mean that it is useless. Every person has self-respect and people should learn to pay respect to others no matter which kind of work they are doing.

2. Gandhi ji's favourite song (bhajan) is given below. This bhajan is in Gujarati. Try to understand the meaning of these lines with the help of your elders. Think about these lines.

Ans. The meaning of these lines is as follows:

- i. An ideal person is one who understands the pain of others.
- ii. An ideal person is willing to bear insults to remove sorrow from another person's life.
- iii. While doing all this, an ideal person should not have an iota of ego in his mind.

H What We Have Learnt

1. Gandhiji used to say that every person should do every kind of work. What do you feel about this? If everyone followed this, what are the things that would change? What are some changes that will happen in your own house?

Ans. If everyone starts doing all kinds of work, then no work will be considered low or disrespectful. There will be equality among the people; no one will feel superior or inferior. No one will insult anyone. Everyone will become independent. The practice of untouchability will also vanish. The men and women will work together at our own house, too. The men will also help the women by doing some household work.