Rules, fairness and community jobs

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Grade 1 Society: Rules, Fairness and Community Jobs (5 lessons, about 3 weeks)

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Big idea

Rules help people stay safe and get along, and different places need different rules. Fair does not always mean everyone gets exactly the same: sometimes it means sharing equally, sometimes taking turns, and sometimes giving someone what they need so they can join in. When a rule is not working, the people who use it can talk and agree a better one. In a town, people do many different jobs: some make things you can hold (goods) and some do things for other people (services), and every job needs skills and tools.

This is the first society unit of grade 1 (term 1). It builds on the kindergarten unit My day and my class (classroom roles, making one class rule with a "so that..." reason) and on Families, then and now, and people who help us (helpers in school and town). Here the rules move outside the classroom, the idea of fairness is added, and jobs are sorted and explained.

Outcomes

By the end of the unit most children can:

1. Match a rule to a place (a park, a library, a swimming pool, a road crossing, a bus, a café kitchen) and give its reason with "so that...".
2. Show a fair share of a small number of objects between two people, and explain one time when fair means taking turns.
3. Explain, using a story, that fair can also mean giving someone what they need to join in, even when others do not get the same thing.
4. Say what was wrong with a rule that was not working in a game, help their group agree a better rule, and say whether it worked better.
5. Sort made-up job cards into "makes a thing you can hold" (goods) and "does something for people" (services), and name one tool and one skill a job needs.
6. Work with a group on a shared task, sharing out the roles in a fair way.

Prior knowledge

- Kindergarten society: our day in order, classroom roles and jobs, making a class rule and saying why, helpers in school and town.
- Kindergarten health and PE: taking turns, stop/look/listen with a grown-up.
- Grade 1 maths term 1 runs alongside: sharing 10 counters into two equal groups uses facts within 20.

- No reading is needed. Every rule, place, job and tool card has a picture; words on cards are for the adult.

Lessons

Each lesson is about 40 minutes: Opening 5, Main activity 25, Discussion 5, Closing check 5. Teach about two lessons a week. Lesson 3 needs the hall, playground or a cleared space. Lesson 5 can take two sessions if groups want more time to build.

Lesson	Title	Main activity
1	Rules in different places	Match rule cards to place cards and give "so that..." reasons
2	What is fair?	Share counters, take turns with a timer, the story of the step, fair and unfair ways to choose
3	When a rule isn't working	Play a beanbag game with an unfair rule, agree a better rule, play again
4	Jobs in Little Hill	Sort made-up job cards into goods and services; match tools and skills
5	Building Little Hill together	Groups build one building and a rule sign for a class town; show what you know

Materials (whole class unless noted)

- Lesson 1: per pair, a set of 6 place picture cards (park playground, library, swimming pool, road crossing, bus, café kitchen), a set of 14 rule picture cards (listed in lesson 1) and a sorting mat with 6 boxes; large copies of the place cards for the board; a museum place card for the closing check.
- Lesson 2: per pair, 10 counters and 2 paper cups; per group of 4, one toy and a 1-minute sand timer; story picture cards A-D (Kit and Ari); per pair, 6 "ways to choose" cards and a mat with a thumbs-up box and a thumbs-down box; a cup of numbered lolly sticks; for the closing check, 8 stickers or counters and a picture of two children; large counters for any child who still mouths small objects.
- Lesson 3: per group of 4, one hoop, one beanbag, one yellow bib (or sash) and a strip of floor tape for the throwing line (about 2 metres from the hoop); the cup of numbered lolly sticks from lesson 2; the "Class Fox line leader" story card; a large "Our new rule" sheet and a pen; the "paint table" picture card for the closing check. Indoor alternative per group: a cardboard box and a scrunched paper ball.
- Lesson 4: per pair, 8 made-up job cards (baker, bus driver, nurse, librarian, farmer, bin collector, builder, hairdresser), a sorting mat ("makes a thing you can hold" with a picture of hands holding a loaf; "does something for people" with a picture of a helping hand), and 8 tool cards (oven, tractor, steering wheel, stethoscope, comb and scissors, bin lorry, bricks and trowel, library computer); a banana (or a picture of one) and a picture of a lorry and a ship; two closing-check cards (dentist, potter).
- Lesson 5: per group of 4, 3-4 clean empty cardboard boxes, paper, crayons, glue sticks, masking tape, child-safe scissors, a lolly stick and a small card for a rule sign, 4 group role cards (builder, decorator, sign maker, checker) and one building card (bakery, bus stop, library, clinic, farm shop, hair salon or bin depot); a long paper strip as the town street; the "ways to choose" cards and the cup of numbered lolly sticks from lesson 2; pre-cut shapes, glue dots and tape tabs for fine-motor support; the cards needed for the one-to-one check (see Assessment).
- Blank cards and pencils for the extensions in lessons 1 and 4.

- Support cards: two ready-made new-rule picture cards per group (lesson 3); two ready-drawn rule signs per group and a thumbs-up card for the checker (lesson 5).

Assessment

- Lessons 1-4: the teacher notes answers in the closing checks (observe; no writing needed). Children can answer by speaking, signing, pointing or choosing a picture card.
- Lesson 5: watch how each group shares out roles and decides, and listen to each group's rule and "so that..." reason.
- End-of-unit one-to-one check (about 4 minutes per child; plan extra small-group time in the week, as 40 minutes is not enough for a whole class). Materials: the swimming pool card and "walk, don't run" rule card, 6 counters and 2 cups, story card C, the baker and bus driver job cards, a picture of a game where one child always goes first. Answer guide:
    1. "Why might a swimming pool have a 'walk, don't run' rule?" (So that nobody slips on the wet floor and gets hurt.)
    2. "Share these 6 counters fairly between Kit and Ari." (3 each.)
    3. Story card C. "Ari gets a step to reach the sink. Kit doesn't need one. Is that fair?" (Yes, because Ari needs it so that both can wash their hands. If a child says "no, it's not the same", ask: "Can Ari wash hands without it?" and accept a changed answer with a reason.)
    4. Baker and bus driver cards. "Which one makes a thing you can hold?" (The baker: bread, cakes.) "What does the other one do for people?" (Drives people where they need to go.)
    5. Picture of a game where one child always goes first. "Is this rule working for everyone? What could the group change?" (No; take turns, pick a lolly stick, or any fair way that gives everyone a go.)
- There is no validated pass mark. The check covers the main ideas, not every skill in the unit.

⚠ Safety (read before lesson 1)

- Lesson 3 is a moving game: clear the space, agree a "hands up, everything stops" signal, throw underarm only, towards the hoop and never at people. Fetch the beanbag only when the thrower has finished.
- Lesson 5: child-safe scissors only; use clean, empty food boxes and leave out any packaging from foods on the class allergy list (for example nut products).
- Counters, lolly sticks and stickers stay on tables and out of mouths; use large counters with any child who still mouths objects.

Families, feelings and privacy

- All stories use made-up children (Kit and Ari, Class Fox) and a made-up town (Little Hill). Never ask children what jobs the grown-ups at home do, what money their family has, or whether their family follows a rule.
- Children can share a job they would like to do, or a job they have seen in a story, if they want to; nobody has to.
- In lesson 2, keep "fair means giving what someone needs" about Kit and Ari. Do not point to real children in the class who use a step, a chair, a hearing aid or any other support.

- Show jobs done by people of different genders, ages and appearances. Avoid saying any job is for boys or for girls.

Access and taking part

- Every card has a picture, so no child needs to read.
- Children may answer by speaking, signing, pointing, choosing a card or using a communication device. Give extra waiting time.
- Children who do not want to speak to the class can tell a partner or the adult, or hold up a card.
- Lesson 3: a child who uses a wheelchair or walking frame throws from where they are, and the throwing line moves to them; children who prefer not to join the active game can be the group's "rule watcher", who says whether the rule is being followed. Seated players can throw a paper ball into a box on a table instead.
- Low vision: large cards with bold outlines; describe each card aloud. Fine-motor needs in lesson 5: pre-cut shapes, glue dots and tape tabs.
- Colour is never the only clue: the sorting mats use picture symbols (thumbs up and down, hands holding a loaf, a helping hand).

Sources

- College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards, NCSS, 2013, read via an Internet Archive snapshot of the publisher's PDF (PDF pages 32-34 for civics, page 37 for economics). The unit uses these K-2 indicators, each checked word for word in that PDF:
  - D2.Civ.1.K-2 "Describe roles and responsibilities of people in authority." (the lifeguard in lesson 1; the teacher in lesson 3)
  - D2.Civ.2.K-2 "Explain how all people, not just official leaders, play important roles in a community." (lessons 4 and 5)
  - D2.Civ.3.K-2 "Explain the need for and purposes of rules in various settings inside and outside of school." (lesson 1)
  - D2.Civ.6.K-2 "Describe how communities work to accomplish common tasks, establish responsibilities, and fulfill roles of authority." (lesson 5)
  - D2.Civ.8.K-2 "Describe democratic principles such as equality, fairness, and respect for legitimate authority and rules." (lesson 2)
  - D2.Civ.9.K-2 "Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions while responding attentively to others when addressing ideas and making decisions as a group." (lessons 3 and 5)
  - D2.Civ.12.K-2 "Identify and explain how rules function in public (classroom and school) settings." (lesson 3)
  - D2.Eco.3.K-2 "Describe the skills and knowledge required to produce certain goods and services." (lesson 4)
  - D2.Eco.4.K-2 "Describe the goods and services that people in the local community produce and those that are produced in other communities." (lesson 4)
- Alignment is limited to these named indicators; the whole framework was not reviewed, and no official endorsement is claimed.

Known gaps and cautions

- Rules, places and jobs differ between countries and towns. Swap the cards for places and jobs children know, and use your local road-crossing rule (for example, a green figure, or no signal at all).

- Some jobs fit both columns (a builder makes a house you can see and touch, but also does a service for the family who asked; a café cook makes food and serves it). Accept any placement a child can explain; the cards were chosen so most have one clear answer.
- "Fair" is a big idea that adults disagree about. These lessons show three everyday kinds (equal shares, taking turns, giving what someone needs) and do not claim this is the whole story.
- The game in lesson 3 has a deliberately unfair first rule. Keep the first round short (about 3 minutes) so no child feels left out for long, and rotate who wears the bib between groups, choosing in a fair way.
- Money, prices and saving (later C3 economics indicators) are left for grade 2. Laws and governments are left for grade 2 and later.
- Pacing and vocabulary load are untested estimates; a qualified local educator should review the unit before classroom use.
- Gemini 4 Argon text-checked the README and lessons 1-5 at 032dbc6 on 9 November 2026 (timings, links, counts, sources, safeguards and the one-to-one check were consistent); two materials notes were fixed in 00cf8e7, which Argon also diff-checked the same day (see PEERCHECKS.md). This is a peer check by an AI agent, not an educator review.
- The order of lessons, the activities and the timings are my choice, not taken from a source.

Lesson 1: Rules in different places

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2

Goal: Children match rules to the places that need them and say why each rule helps, using "so that...".

Length: about 40 minutes.

Materials

- Per pair: 6 place picture cards (park playground, library, swimming pool, road crossing, bus, café kitchen); a sorting mat with 6 boxes, one for each place; 14 rule picture cards:
  - Park: "Wait your turn for the slide"; "Put litter in the bin".
  - Library: "Use a quiet voice"; "Turn pages gently".
  - Swimming pool: "Walk, don't run"; "Swim only when the lifeguard is there".
  - Road crossing: "Stop, look and listen with a grown-up"; "Cross when the green figure shows".
  - Bus: "Stay sitting while the bus moves"; "Let people get off first".
  - Café kitchen: "Wash hands before cooking"; "Keep hot pans away from the edge".
  - Everywhere: "Be kind"; "Ask a grown-up for help".
- Large copies of the 6 place cards for the board.
- A museum place card for the closing check.
- Blank cards and pencils for the extension (drawing a new rule card).

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Recall the kindergarten class rule: "Last year your class made a rule. What was it for?" Accept any answer with a reason. Say: "Rules are not only for classrooms. Today we visit six places and find the rules each one needs." Put the large place cards on the board and name each one together.

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **Model (5 min).** Take the swimming pool card. Hold up "Walk, don't run". "Where does this rule belong? Why?" Think aloud: "The floor is wet, so that nobody slips and gets hurt." Put it in the pool box. Point out the lifeguard in the picture: "The lifeguard's job is to watch the water and make sure people stay safe."
2. **Pairs match (12 min).** Pairs place the rule cards in the boxes. Walk round and ask "Why does it go there?" Two cards ("Be kind", "Ask a grown-up for help") fit everywhere: pairs put them under the mat.
3. **"So that..." round (8 min).** Each pair chooses one rule and says it with a reason: "In the library we use a quiet voice so that people can read and think." Children who prefer not to speak to the class tell the adult or hold up the card while their partner speaks.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "The library has a quiet-voice rule. Why doesn't the park have one?" (People in a library are reading and thinking; in the park, loud play usually doesn't stop anyone else from doing what they came for.)
2. "Which rules fit in lots of places?" (Be kind, ask for help, taking turns, putting litter in the bin, washing hands before food; accept others with a reason.)
3. "Who helps people keep the rules at the pool?" (The lifeguard. Other places: the bus driver, the librarian, the crossing guard, the cook in charge.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

Show the museum card. "Here is a new place. Think of one rule a museum might need and say 'so that...'." (Any rule with a reason, for example: "Don't touch the things in the glass cases so that they don't break"; "Walk so that nobody bumps into the displays"; "Use a quiet voice so that people can listen to the guide.") Note who gives a rule with a reason.

Vocabulary

rule, reason, "so that", place, safe, lifeguard, librarian.

Differentiation

- Support: give a pair only 3 places and 6 rule cards; say each card aloud.
- Extension: "Make up a new rule for one of the places and draw its card." Or: "Find a rule that would be silly in another place." (A quiet-voice rule in the playground.)

⚠ Safety

- None beyond normal classroom care. Remind children that the road crossing rule is "with a grown-up" (kindergarten road safety).

Teacher notes

- Use local versions: if your crossings have no green figure, change that card to your local rule.
- Keep the talk on the made-up places. Do not ask children whether their family follows a rule.

Lesson 2: What is fair?

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 1 - Next: Lesson 3

Goal: Children learn three everyday kinds of fair (equal shares, taking turns, giving someone what they need to join in) and sort fair and unfair ways to choose who goes first.

Length: about 40 minutes.

Materials

- Story picture cards A-D about two made-up children, Kit and Ari:
  - A: Kit and Ari with a plate of 10 grapes.
  - B: Kit and Ari next to one swing.
  - C: Ari, too short to reach the sink, standing on a step; Kit, tall enough, without one; both washing their hands.
  - D: Kit and Ari with a board game, both wanting to go first.
- Per pair: 10 counters (the "grapes") and 2 paper cups labelled with pictures of Kit and Ari.
- Per group of 4: one toy (the "swing") and a 1-minute sand timer.
- Per pair: 6 "ways to choose" cards and a mat with a thumbs-up box and a thumbs-down box. The cards: "Take turns from a list"; "Pick a numbered lolly stick from a cup"; "Rock, paper, scissors"; "The tallest always goes first"; "Whoever shouts loudest goes first"; "The same child always goes first".
- A cup of numbered lolly sticks for the demonstration.
- For the closing check: 8 stickers or counters and a picture of two children.
- Large counters for any child who still mouths small objects.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Show card A. "Kit and Ari have 10 grapes. Kit takes 8 and gives Ari 2. Is that fair?" (No.) "What would be fair?" Take ideas. Say: "Today we find out what fair means. It is not always the same thing."

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **Equal shares (6 min).** Pairs share the 10 counters between the Kit cup and the Ari cup, one at a time ("one for Kit, one for Ari"). Count: 5 and
2. "Fair can mean the same amount each." Quick try: 6 counters (3 each).
3. **Taking turns (6 min).** Show card B. "There is only one swing. We can't cut it in half! What's fair?" (Take turns.) Groups of 4 pass the toy round, each child holding it until the 1-minute sand timer runs out. "Fair can mean everyone gets a turn."
4. **The story of the step (6 min).** Show card C and tell it: "Ari can't reach the sink, so the teacher gives Ari a step. Kit is tall enough and doesn't get a step. Is that fair?" Take ideas from both sides. Then ask: "Could Ari wash hands without the step?" (No.) "Now both can wash their hands. Fair can mean giving someone what they need so they can join in."

5. **Ways to choose (7 min).** Show card D. "Who goes first?" Demonstrate one fair way: pull a numbered stick from the cup. Pairs sort the 6 "ways to choose" cards onto thumbs up (fair) and thumbs down (not fair).

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "Why is 'the tallest always goes first' not fair?" (The same person always wins, and nobody can change how tall they are.)
2. "Why is picking a lolly stick fair?" (Everyone has the same chance; nobody knows which stick they will get.)
3. "When we shared the grapes, everyone got the same. When Ari got the step, Kit did not get the same. Were both fair?" (Yes: the grapes were shared equally, and the step helped Ari do what Kit could already do.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

1. Put 8 stickers next to the picture of two children. "Show me a fair share." (4 each.)
2. "Tell me one fair way to choose who goes first." (Take turns from a list, pick a lolly stick, rock paper scissors, or another way where everyone has the same chance.)

Note who shares equally and who names a fair way.

Vocabulary

fair, not fair, share, the same, turn, need.

Differentiation

- Support: share 4 counters (2 each) before 10; sort only 4 "ways to choose" cards (2 fair, 2 not fair).
- Extension: "Share 9 grapes between Kit and Ari. What can you do with the one left over?" (Cut it in half, give it to someone else, save it; accept any idea with a reason.) Or invent a new fair way to choose.

⚠ Safety

- Counters and lolly sticks stay on tables, out of mouths; use large counters with any child who still mouths objects.
- The "swing" is a toy passed hand to hand; no real swinging.

Teacher notes

- Keep the step story about Kit and Ari. Do not point to real children in the class who use a step, a chair, a hearing aid or other support.

- Some children will say the step is not fair because it is not the same. That is a reasonable first answer; the question "Could Ari wash hands without it?" usually helps. Accept a changed answer with a reason.
- Rock, paper, scissors gives each player the same chance only if both show their hand at the same time; mention this if children raise it.

Lesson 3: When a rule isn't working

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 2 - Next: Lesson 4

Goal: Children notice when a rule is not working for everyone, agree a better rule as a group by listening to each other, and test whether the new rule works better.

Length: about 40 minutes. Teach in the hall, the playground or a cleared classroom.

Materials

- The "Class Fox line leader" story card: a made-up class where the first child to reach the door is the line leader, showing children rushing to the door.
- Per group of 4: one hoop, one beanbag, one yellow bib (or sash), and a strip of floor tape for the throwing line about 2 metres from the hoop.
- Indoor alternative per group: a cardboard box and a scrunched paper ball.
- A large "Our new rule" sheet and a pen.
- The "paint table" picture card for the closing check (only the children at the front table can use the paint; children at other tables are waiting).
- A cup of numbered lolly sticks (from lesson 2) for choosing who wears the bib first.
- For support: two ready-made new-rule picture cards per group (for example "Everyone takes a turn wearing the bib" and "Throw in the order of the lolly sticks").

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Agree the stop signal: "When I put my hand up, everything stops and you put your hand up too." Practise once. Recall lesson 2: "What does fair mean?" (Sharing the same, taking turns, giving what someone needs.)

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **Class Fox (6 min).** Show the story card. "In Class Fox, the first child to reach the door is line leader. What happens?" (Children run and push; the fastest children are always leader; slower children never are.) "Is this rule working?" (No.) "What could Class Fox change?" Write ideas on the "Our new rule" sheet (a turns chart; a lolly stick each morning). "The people who use a rule, with the teacher, can agree to change it."
2. **Game, round 1 (4 min).** Groups of 4 at a hoop. Use the lolly sticks to choose who wears the yellow bib. Rule 1: "Only the player in the yellow bib throws, every time. The others fetch the beanbag." Throw underarm from the line into the hoop. Stop after about 3 minutes.
3. **Agree a better rule (6 min).** Groups sit together. Ask: "Was rule 1 fair? How did it feel to only fetch?" Each child says one idea while the others listen; the group agrees one new rule (for example: pass the bib on after each throw; take turns round the circle). Groups can agree by talking, by a show of hands, or by picking a lolly stick if two ideas are tied.
4. **Game, round 2 (5 min).** Play again with the new rule.

5. **Back together (4 min).** Each group shows its new rule with a thumbs up (worked better), thumbs sideways (a bit better) or thumbs down (not better), and says why if they want to.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "What was the problem with rule 1?" (The same child threw every time; the others only fetched. It was not fair, and it was not much fun for most of the group.)
2. "How did your group choose the new rule?" (We each said an idea, listened and agreed, or put our hands up, or picked a stick.)
3. "Who can change a rule?" (The people who use it, working together and with the person in charge, such as the teacher for class rules.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

Show the paint table card. "The rule is: only children at the front table can use the paint. Is it working for everyone?" (No: the other tables never get to paint.) "What could the class change?" (Take turns by table; put paint on every table; use a turns chart.) Note who sees the problem and who suggests a fairer rule.

Vocabulary

rule, change, agree, listen, fair, better.

Differentiation

- Support: offer two new rules on picture cards and let the group choose one.
- Extension: "Your new rule worked. Could it be even better? What else might go wrong?" (For example: someone throws too hard, so add "underarm only".)

⚠ Safety

- Clear the space; groups well apart. Throw underarm, towards the hoop, never at people. Fetch the beanbag only after the throw.
- Use the stop signal before every change of round.

Access

- A child who uses a wheelchair or walking frame throws from where they are; move the throwing line to them.
- A child who prefers not to join the active game can be the group's "rule watcher", who says whether the rule is being followed, and has a full say in the new rule.
- Seated players can throw a scrunched paper ball into a cardboard box on a table.

Teacher notes

- Keep round 1 short (about 3 minutes) so nobody feels left out for long. Rule 1 is unfair on purpose; say so afterwards.
- Most groups will choose turns. If a group's new rule doesn't work, that is useful: "What would you change next time?"

Lesson 4: Jobs in Little Hill

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 3 - Next: Lesson 5

Goal: Children sort jobs in a made-up town into those that make things you can hold (goods) and those that do something for people (services), and say what tools and skills a job needs.

Length: about 40 minutes.

Materials

- Per pair: 8 made-up job cards from the town of Little Hill: baker, bus driver, nurse, librarian, farmer, bin collector, builder, hairdresser. Show people of different genders, ages and appearances.
- Per pair: a sorting mat with two boxes: "makes a thing you can hold" (picture: hands holding a loaf) and "does something for people" (picture: a helping hand).
- Per pair: 8 tool cards: oven, tractor, steering wheel, stethoscope, comb and scissors, bin lorry, bricks and trowel, library computer.
- A banana (or a picture of one) and a simple picture of a lorry and a ship.
- Two closing-check cards: a dentist and a potter.
- Blank cards and pencils for the extension (drawing a new job card).

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

"Little Hill is a made-up town. Lots of people work there. Who might work in a town?" Take ideas (from stories, from walking around). Say: "Today we find out what each job does for the town."

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **Goods or services (8 min).** Model with the baker: "The baker makes bread. Can you hold bread?" (Yes.) "Things you can hold are called goods." Then the bus driver: "Can you hold what a bus driver does?" (No; the driver takes people places.) "When someone does something for people, it is called a service." Pairs sort the 8 job cards.
2. **Tools (7 min).** Pairs put a tool card next to each job. Check together: baker - oven; farmer - tractor; bus driver - steering wheel; nurse - stethoscope; hairdresser - comb and scissors; bin collector - bin lorry; builder - bricks and trowel; librarian - library computer.
3. **Skills (5 min).** "What does a baker need to know or be good at?" (How to mix and measure, how hot the oven is, how long to bake, washing hands.) Pairs choose one other job and tell each other one thing that person needs to know or be good at. Share two or three.
4. **From far away (5 min).** Hold up the banana. "Can bananas grow in Little Hill's cold winters?" (No.) "Bananas grow in warm places. Farmers there grow them, and lorries

and ships bring them here. Some goods are made in our town, and some come from other places."

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "Is the nurse making something you can hold?" (No; the nurse looks after people who are ill or hurt. That is a service.)
2. "Which job would Little Hill miss most if it stopped for a week? Why?" (Any answer with a reason, for example: the bin collectors, because rubbish would pile up and smell. Point out that every job matters to someone.)
3. "The builder makes a house you can touch. Is that goods or a service?" (It could be both: the house is a thing, and building it is something done for the people who asked. Accept either with a reason.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

Show the two new cards one at a time. "Does this person make a thing you can hold, or do something for people?"

1. Dentist. (Does something for people: looks after teeth. A service.)
2. Potter. (Makes a thing you can hold: bowls, cups, pots. Goods.)

Note who sorts both correctly and who can say why.

Vocabulary

job, goods, service, tool, skill, make, town.

Differentiation

- Support: sort 4 job cards only (baker, farmer, bus driver, nurse); say each card's name aloud.
- Extension: "Make a new job card for Little Hill. Draw the tool it needs and say whether it makes goods or a service."

⚠ Safety

- None beyond normal classroom care. If you bring a real banana, check the class allergy list; do not eat it in the lesson.

Teacher notes

- Never ask what jobs the grown-ups at home do. Children may say a job they would like to do, or one from a story, if they want to.
- Avoid saying any job is for boys or for girls; if a child says so, ask: "Could anyone learn to do that job?"

- The builder card is deliberately tricky (see discussion question 3). Every other card has one clear answer: goods - baker, farmer, builder (usually); services - bus driver, nurse, librarian, bin collector, hairdresser.

Lesson 5: Building Little Hill together

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4

Goal: Children work in a group on a shared task, share out roles in a fair way, and make a building and a rule sign for a class model of Little Hill. The end-of-unit one-to-one check runs during the week.

Length: about 40 minutes (can take two sessions).

Materials

- Per group of 4: 3-4 clean, empty cardboard boxes; paper; crayons; glue sticks; masking tape; child-safe scissors; a lolly stick and a small card for a rule sign.
- Per group: 4 role cards with pictures (builder: puts the boxes together; decorator: draws windows and doors; sign maker: makes the rule sign; checker: checks the group is following its plan and everyone is joining in) and one building card (bakery, bus stop, library, clinic, farm shop, hair salon or bin depot).
- The "ways to choose" cards from lesson 2 and a cup of numbered lolly sticks.
- A long paper strip on the floor or a table as the town street.
- For fine-motor support: pre-cut shapes, glue dots and tape tabs.
- For support: two ready-drawn rule signs per group to choose from, and a thumbs-up card the checker can hold up.
- For the one-to-one check during the week: the swimming pool card and the "walk, don't run" rule card (lesson 1), 6 counters and 2 cups, story card C (lesson 2), the baker and bus driver job cards (lesson 4), and a picture of a game where one child always goes first.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

"Today our class builds Little Hill together. Each group makes one building and one rule sign. A town only works when lots of people do different jobs, and your group only finishes if everyone does a job too." Show the role cards and the building cards.

✎ Main activity (25 min)

1. **Share out the roles (4 min).** Each group chooses a fair way from the "ways to choose" cards to share out the 4 role cards (for example, pick a lolly stick, then choose roles in number order). Groups of 3 combine decorator and sign maker; groups of 5 have two builders.
2. **Build (15 min).** Groups build their building from boxes and make a rule sign that belongs to their place (for example, the bakery: "Wash hands before baking"; the bus stop: "Wait in a line"). The sign maker draws the rule; the whole group agrees its "so that..." reason.
3. **Our street (6 min).** Groups place their buildings on the town street. Walk along it together; each group points to its rule sign.

✓ Discussion questions (5 min, with answers)

1. "How did your group decide who did which role?" (We used a fair way: picked sticks, took turns, or talked and agreed.)
2. "What would happen if everyone in your group made the sign and nobody built?" (The building wouldn't get finished. Sharing jobs helps a group finish a shared task, like jobs in a town.)
3. "What does our town still need?" (Any building with a reason, for example: a school, a park, a fire station.)

✓ Closing check (5 min, with answers)

Each group says its rule with "so that...". (Any rule that fits the place, with a reason that explains how it helps, for example: "Wait in a line at the bus stop so that everyone gets on safely and in turn.") Note groups whose reason links to safety, fairness or getting along.

End-of-unit one-to-one check

Run the five-question check in the unit overview (Assessment section) during the week, about 4 minutes per child, while other children add to the town or draw a job they might like to do (by choice; nobody has to).

Vocabulary

group, role, share, agree, town, street.

Differentiation

- Support: give the group a ready-drawn rule sign to choose from (two choices); pre-cut windows and doors.
- Extension: add a second sign, or make a job card for someone who would work in their building and say whether it is goods or a service.

⚠ Safety

- Child-safe scissors only; cut away from fingers and bodies.
- Use clean, empty food boxes; leave out packaging from foods on the class allergy list (for example nut products).

Access

- Every role can be done in different ways: a checker can use a thumbs-up card; a sign maker can choose a picture instead of drawing.
- Fine-motor needs: pre-cut shapes, glue dots and tape tabs.
- Children may give the rule and reason by speaking, signing, pointing to the sign or with a partner speaking for them.

Teacher notes

- The checker role is not a boss: it means checking the plan and that everyone joins in. Say this when handing out cards.
- Keep the town for a week so children can add to it during the one-to-one checks.