

## Key Words:

Work, Jobs, Employee, Employer, Economy, Trade

### **Aims and outcomes:**

- To recall some of the key causes of unemployment.
- To recall the vicious cycle of poverty.
- To understand the concept of slavery.
- To understand and recall solutions to achieve decent work and economic growth.

### **Curriculum links:**

- **English:** 'learn the conventions of different types of writing (for example, the greeting in letters, a diary written in the first person or the use of presentational devices such as numbering and headings in instructions)...
- **History:** '...Britain's transatlantic slave trade'

## Lesson Plan 1: Why can't everyone get a job?

Key question	Activity	Timing
Why can't everyone get a job?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read students the introduction section of the 'Decent Work and Economic Growth' page.</li> </ul>	5 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose 4 students to read one reason for unemployment each out loud to the class. These are 'Discrimination', 'Lack of Education', 'Economic Recession' and 'Jobs Are No Longer Needed'. Depending on the time you have available, you may wish to share the videos with the class on the interactive whiteboard.</li> </ul>	10 min + optional 6 minutes if both videos are presented
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask students to complete Worksheet 1 ('Causes of unemployment') to test their knowledge. Depending on the time you have available and your class's reading abilities you may wish to read the worksheet out to the class and answer it together.</li> </ul>	10 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce the concept of the vicious cycle of unemployment, talking through the graphic on the SuperKind website. Ask students to raise their hand if they have any questions.</li> </ul>	10 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read students the section on 'Slavery'. Ask students to raise their hand if they have any questions.</li> </ul>	5 min

### Resources and materials:

- SuperKind website – 'Decent Work and Economic Growth', 'The Problem'
- Interactive whiteboard, computers, tablets, or printouts to display website
- Worksheet 1
- Pens/pencils

## Lesson Plan 2: What needs to be done to create safe and fair jobs for everyone?

Key question	Activity	Timing
What needs to be done to create safe and fair jobs for everyone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Split the class into 6 groups.</li> </ul>	2 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocate each group one of the solutions to 'Decent Work and Economic Growth'. These are 'Ensure that everyone has access to quality education', 'Encourage businesses to employ the unemployed', 'Help people secure jobs', 'Laws' and 'Help remove people from unsafe jobs', 'Certifications'.</li> </ul>	5 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask students to discuss their solution as a group. Depending on the time you have available and the ability of the class you may wish to give them the opportunity to conduct some further research on their solution.</li> </ul>	15 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask each group to summarise their solution to the class. Invite the class to ask the presenting group any questions.</li> </ul>	10 min

### Resources and materials:

- SuperKind website – 'Decent Work and Economic Growth', 'The Solution'
- Interactive whiteboard, computers, tablets, or printouts to display website

## Lesson Plan 3: How can we help ensure that everyone has access to a fair and safe job?

Key question	Activity	Timing
How can we help ensure that everyone has access to a fair and safe job?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tell the class that you are going to make posters to raise awareness about the Fairtrade certification. Students can include information on why the Fairtrade certification is needed, what it ensures, and how buyers can look for it. Signpost students to the SuperKind 'Make a Poster' toolkit.</li></ul>	5 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Roam the class offering guidance and support whilst students make their posters.</li></ul>	10 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>At the end of the class, collect all the posters and pin them on a wall in the class or corridor.</li></ul>	5 min

### Resources and materials:

- SuperKind website – 'Decent Work and Economic Growth', 'Take Action'
- SuperKind website – 'Make a Poster'
- Interactive whiteboard, computers, tablets, or printouts to display website
- A3 sheets of paper
- Pens, pencils, highlighters, felt pens

# Decent Work and Economic Growth: Lesson Plan Resources

Worksheet 1 – Causes of unemployment