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## Causes of unemployment

1. Read the 'Causes of Unemployment' section on the SuperKind website.
2. Read each of the stories below.
3. Determine the cause of unemployment in each story.
4. Write your own imaginary story of someone who experienced unemployment for one of the reasons listed on the SuperKind website.
5. Swap your story with the person next to you and ask them to guess why your imaginary person experienced unemployment.

### Ola

When Ola was growing up her parents were very poor. Her mother was sick and couldn't go to work. Her father worked as a farmer and did not earn enough money to look after his four children and pay for his wife's medical treatment. Instead of going to school Ola had to help her father out on the farm. This meant Ola missed out on the opportunity to learn lots of valuable skills like reading and writing. Now Ola doesn't have the skills or knowledge to apply for good jobs.

Ola is unemployed because of \_\_\_\_\_.

### John

John grew up on a farm. His mother, father, and grandparents had all been farmers and when John turned 18, he was expected to start working on the farm. His job was to milk the cows, and he was very good at it. But when John was 42, the farm on which he worked decided to start using machines to milk the cows instead. John lost his job.

John is unemployed because his \_\_\_\_\_.

### Miranda

Miranda has an economics degree from one of the UK's top Universities. She is very highly qualified. She is also friendly and hard-working. When Miranda was 13 years old, she had a skiing accident and now uses a wheelchair to get around. Miranda applied to more than 30 desk-based jobs but none of her applications were successful.

Miranda is unemployed because of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Story:

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