

Arthur's Pet Business

** This activity I found online at Education Week Blog

Before reading or listening to the story think about the following questions.

1. Have you ever wanted a pet?
2. How do you get money to buy things?
3. Have you ever wanted something that required you to set some goals and save some money?
4. What was your plan for saving money?

Read Arthur's Pet Business or listen to it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYa1K7G8Z0Q>

After the story think about or discuss these questions

1. Why does Arthur need money?
2. How could he earn money?
3. What were the first two jobs suggested to Arthur?
4. How did he respond to each of those suggestions?
5. What does he have to give up to run his business?
6. How does Arthur promote his business?

Activity choices for after the story

- Picture sort:

Draw or cut out pictures from magazines, newspapers, or online showing goods and services. Show the distinction between goods (e.g., dog collar, cat blanket, pet food) and services (e.g., bathing the dog, walking the dog, clipping the cat's nails, cleaning the cage).

- Charades:

Act out performing services, take turns guessing what each other is doing.

A Few service examples if needed

1. Hairdresser
2. Waiter
3. Dog Groomer
4. Nail Technician
5. Health Care Provider
6. Animal Trainer
7. Child care
8. Counselor
9. Fitness Trainer
10. Therapist
11. Tour Guide

12. Chef
13. House Keeper
14. Interpreter
15. Travel Agent