



Jobs Come and Go

Part 1

Teacher Reads Jobs in the United States have changed as people developed new ways to meet different needs. Some jobs are no longer needed.

In the U.S., some jobs from the past have vanished
10 from sight. They are not needed. People have invented
19 fresh ways to do things.

24 In the past, there were no electric streetlights as we
34 have today. The lights on the streets worked with gas.
44 They were gas lamps.

48 Each gas lamp had to be lit as night fell. The people
60 doing this job went up and down the streets lighting
70 each lamp. At daylight, the same people went back and
80 snuffed each lamp, and the light went off.

Part 2

Teacher Reads We don't always appreciate the things that make life easier today. Learn about jobs that were necessary in the past.

88 Today people can set clocks that will get them up
98 after a night's rest. But in the past, workmen might not
109 have had clocks. They needed a way to get up at sunup.
121 They had to go to work at mills and plants.

131 In some **places**, people were paid to show up and
141 get workmen up. For this job, people had big sticks to
152 tap on the workmen's windows. Some of the people
161 tossed little rocks at the windows. That got the sleeping
171 workmen up right away.



Part 2 continued

175 In the past, streets were **dirty**. In some places,
184 people paid kids to sweep up the filth at street
194 crossings. The kids swept a path in front of people.
204 The people stayed clean as they crossed the street.

Part 3

Teacher Reads As technology moves forward, it affects every part of people's lives. Just as the development of computers, cars, and telephones have changed our lives, technology has greatly changed the work people do.

213 Thanks to **technology**, some jobs in the U.S. have
222 not stayed as they were in the past, such as sweeping
233 streets. Today in the U.S., people have trucks to help
243 them sweep streets.

246 Some jobs in the U.S. have not stayed at all.
256 Lighting lamps and tapping on windows to get people
265 up are jobs of the past. The jobs are fun to think of, but
279 they are not needed today. [Learn More](#)

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