

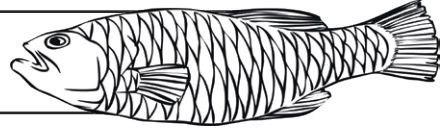
Unenjoyable Jobs

Part A

Bee hates her job plucking feathers from dead ducks.

What other **unenjoyable** jobs might there be to do in a Stone Age tribe? You can gather ideas from the text if you have already read Chapter 1 or you can use your own ideas.

E.g. removing the bones from a fish.



In the space below, draw and label some unenjoyable Stone Age jobs that you can think of.

Next, order the jobs in order of worst to best. 1 = the worst job, 2 = the second worst job and so on.

Part B

Bee hates her job plucking feathers from dead ducks.

Imagine that she decides to write a letter to the tribe elders persuading them to let her do some other jobs instead.

Pretend that you are Bee and write that letter here. You will probably want to describe how much you hate plucking ducks. You should also suggest some other jobs you think you could do and why you would be good at these jobs.

Make sure you write a formal letter, as you are writing to the elders of the tribe.

Tent II,
Open Plain on the Way to the Rock of the Long Sun,
Near a Forest

Central Tent,
Open Plain on the Way to the Rock of the Long Sun,
Near a Forest

5 suns after we started travelling, summer

Dear Tribe Elders,

I am writing to ask _____

One reason I think I should be allowed to do other jobs is that _____

Unenjoyable Jobs Answers

Part A

Example answers:

scrubbing skins

collecting firewood

starting a fire

drying fish

smoking meat

making clothes

skinning animals

making a tent

cooking

making weapons

Ordering – children's own responses

Part B

Example answer:

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Dear Tribe Elders,

I am writing to ask *if you would consider allowing me to do some other jobs in the tribe. At the moment, I only pluck the feathers from ducks and I would love to try something new. I hope I can persuade you that this would be a good idea.*

One reason I think I should be allowed to do other jobs is that *I am getting very bored with plucking feathers. It is so monotonous pulling out hunk after hunk of feathers and it can be a smelly job too. Sometimes the feathers even get stuck in my teeth. I really do detest this job*

and I'd love to try something new.

Another reason I think I should be allowed to do other jobs is that I think I would do a great job helping with other tasks. Even though I'm tired and have sore feet from walking, I am young, fit and enthusiastic and desperate to get involved in the work of the tribe. I would love to try hunting because I can run very quickly. I have a well-trained dog who would assist me in this role and I know that I would help to bring lots of meat back to the tribe.

I don't mind what job I do but I have so many skills to offer and plucking duck feathers is making me so unhappy and grumpy. I hope you can give me the opportunity to try something different.

Thank you for reading my letter and for considering my request.

Yours faithfully,

Bee

Challenge Task

Example answer:

*Central Tent,
Open Plain on the Way to the Rock of the Long Sun,
Near a Forest*

Tent II

*Open Plain on the Way to the Rock of the Long Sun,
Near a Forest*

5 suns after we started travelling, summer

Dear Bee,

Thank you for your letter. We are sorry to hear that you are not enjoying your job and we have discussed this situation.

We feel that by the end of this summer you will be able to slowly start to add other tasks to your day. We understand that plucking feathers can be repetitive but we really do need you to get us more duck skin in the next few weeks, as the tribe are short of underpants.

We are not saying that you will never be able to do other jobs. When we have enough duck skin to make more underpants for everyone, we will think about giving you a different job.

Thank you for your hard work. We look forward to discussing other jobs with you very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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The Elders