

'Kidpreneurs'



In the bustling world of grown-ups, where ties are knotted and coffee mugs clink, there's a secret society of young adventurers: the 10-year-old job seekers. Yes, you heard it right! These pint-sized explorers are on a mission to discover the land of work and earning money. Here is what some of these young 'kidpreneurs' are doing.

The Lemonade Alchemist is working on a sun-kissed afternoon, with a foldable table, and a pitcher of lemonade that could rival the fresh types at the supermarkets! This 10-year-old entrepreneur set up shop on the sidewalk, armed with lemons, sugar, and a some ice. He mixes, stirs, and pours his way to success. But how did he get started? Well, it's all about word of mouth. He told the neighbors, friends, and even the mail carrier about his zesty concoction. He even designed a few posters and put them up in the neighborhood. And voilà! customers flock like thirsty bees!

Next is the lawn whisperer! Green grass, neatly trimmed hedges, and the buzzing lawnmowers—that's the domain of this young lawn whisperer. Armed with rakes, gloves, and a sense of purpose, he knocks on doors and offers his services. But wait, how do they convince homeowners to hire him? Simple! He created eye-catching flyers with bold letters: "Grass Got You Stressed? Let Me Tame It!" And guess what? Customers!

Then we have our Pet Pals: Fluffy tails, wagging tongues, and the occasional slobbery kiss—our girls know that pets need love too. So, they become pet sitters, dog walkers, and cat cuddlers. How do they find clients? They spread the news at the local park, scribbling their information on colorful cards. When Fido's owner calls, they don their pet apparel and rush to the rescue.

There are also 'tech wizards', in the digital age, 10-year-olds are totally tech-savvy. They offer their services as mini IT consultants. Got a glitchy tablet? Fear not! These young wizards wave their magic fingers (okay, it's just a reset button) and fix it. How do they advertise? They create a website (with supervision, of course) and showcase their skills. Soon, parents are saying, "My kid's iPad is faster than my morning coffee!" They even teach the seniors how to use social media!

How can you become a 'kidpreneur'? These 10-year-olds don't wear suits or submit résumés. Instead, they rely on creativity, determination, and a dash of courage. They talk to grown-ups, create eye-catching posters, and use their imaginations. Then, when someone asks, "Why should I hire you?" they flash their toothy grins and say, "Because we're awesome!" And you know what? It works.

1. *Read the reading passage thoroughly.*
2. *Underline any word or sentence you don't understand.*

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What is the best way to define 'kidpreneur'?**
 - a. kids giving away lemonade
 - b. a working venture
 - c. kids that wish they were working

- 2. Where did the lemonade entrepreneur set up shop?**
 - a. on the front lawn
 - b. on the sidewalk
 - c. at the edge of the road

- 3. What does a lawn whisperer do?**
 - a. talks to the flowers to help them grow
 - b. rakes and cuts grass
 - c. waters the vegetable gardens

- 4. Which is not an example of 'kidpreneurs' from the reading passage?**
 - a. tech wizards
 - b. pet pals
 - c. baby sitters

- 5. What did the 'kidpreneurs' say when they were asked why they should be hired?**
 - a. because you'll love the job we do
 - b. because we get the job done
 - c. because we're awesome

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Open Response Questions

Open response questions for thinking skills:

1. Inferring
 2. Making Connections
 3. Summarizing
 4. Visualizing
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1. Put yourself in the shoes of the Lawn Whisperer. What would motivate him to knock on doors and offer lawn services? How would he overcome any nervousness or hesitation?
 2. Reflect on the courage it takes to be a 'kidpreneur'. What challenges would you face, and how would you overcome them?
 3. Explain what is needed to become a successful 'kidpreneur'.
 4. Describe with details what type of 'kidpreneur' you would like to try.
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- Reflect on the importance of empathy and understanding when dealing with animals. How would you adapt your approach for different pets, from dogs to cats?
 - Imagine you're giving a pep talk to aspiring 'kidpreneurs'. What three pieces of advice would you share with them to help them succeed?
 - How could becoming a 'kidpreneur' now help you later in life when you are finished school?
 - What are some convincing strategies you could use to make sure people hired you as a 'kidpreneur'?