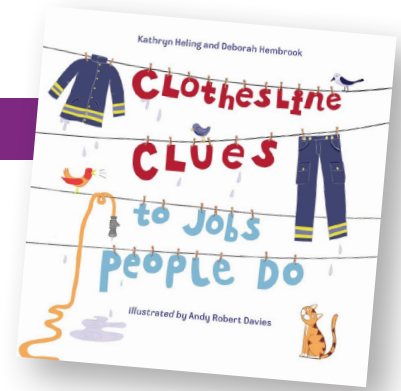


# Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do



## A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

**Themes:** Careers, Clothing, Community helpers

**Book Brief:** In this rhyming book, clothes for a specific job are hung on a clothesline, and a riddle is presented to give clues for the job. Can you guess who wears these clothes? Is one of these jobs just right for you?

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before:** Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask if they see any clues for a special job on the cover. You might also consider words like “uniform” or “outfit” for certain jobs.

**During:** As you read, ask, “What job goes with these clothes? Where have you seen a person in these clothes (or uniform) doing this job? What makes you think that?”

**After, ask questions:**

- What jobs did we see in the book?
- What kinds of special clothes or tools were in the book?
- Would you like to do any of the jobs in the book? Why or why not?
- How are the people in the book helpers?

## INTENTIONAL TALK

**Rereading texts** is an important practice for early readers. Rereading a book can help children develop connections with characters in stories and relate details to moments in their own experiences (e.g., recognizing clothes or jobs mentioned in the book and identifying them on actual people in real life). It can also open children’s eyes to new and different people and experiences (e.g., if there is a job or set of clothing that is unfamiliar to your child, it provides the opportunity to describe that role). Also, you can pay special attention to the mail carrier throughout the story. What is she doing? What happens at the end of the book? Try to connect all of the things that the people are working on throughout the book to the party at the end.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### WHAT IS MY JOB SONG

Try singing this song with your child and have them guess the community helper jobs. (Sung to the tune of “Are You Sleeping?”)

*What is my job? What is my job?  
Can you guess? Can you guess?  
I help people get well.  
I help people get well.  
Who am I? Who am I?*

*Other verses: I can fix the water  
pipes. I deliver letters. I make tasty  
meals for you. I keep your pets  
healthy. I can teach you new things.  
I can help if you get lost.*



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### MORE BOOKS WITH CLOTHES AND TOOLS FOR JOBS

- **Whose Hat is This? A Look at Hats Workers Wear- Hard, Tall, and Shiny (2005)**
- **Whose Tools Are These? A Look at Tools Workers Use- Big, Sharp, and Smooth (2005)**
- **Whose Shoes? A Shoe for Every Job (2011)**