

# Example Text: Discussion

## Should Children be Helpers?

Being a community worker is an important job. People such as teachers, police officers and nurses are respected for the work they do. But should children be expected to help out in the community as well?

Some people think that it is important for children to help others. It could be as simple as cleaning their room, washing the car or doing the dishes at home. Children will learn new, life long skills and work as part of a family team.

Many children already join community groups such as guides, scouts or the Red Cross. These groups give special help to those in the community who need it, such as older or ill people. When children help in this way, it shows they care and will grow up to become responsible adults. By helping in such ways, children make others happy, and themselves as well.

Other people however believe that children should not have to help. They think that children should just play sport and be active with their friends. It is their belief that childhood is over all too soon, so children should make the most of their freedom while they can.

These people also think that work should be done by adults, because they know what to do and they are a lot faster at it than younger children. Children are less able to focus on a task and finish it properly than adults are.

Both sides of this issue make some good points. It is important for children to play sport and be active socially. However, it is equally important for them to join in and help out in their local community. If everyone does their bit, then the jobs don't seem so big.