

Economics Lesson 2

Self-Employment: Integrating Text and Tables

Introduction

This week we'll be reading about fundamental economics concepts, which are included in the Social Studies section of the GED® and HiSET® tests. In these readings, we'll be focusing on the skills of interpreting charts, graphs, and other visually presented information. Today's topic is self-employment, and the main skill we'll be working on is interpreting tables of data and integrating that information with the accompanying text.

Lesson Objectives

By the end of the lesson, you should be able to ...

- Interpret data presented in a table.
- Integrate that information with an accompanying text to answer comprehension questions.
- Use the information from the tables and text to write one paragraph giving advice about self-employment.

Task 1: Analyze the Information in the Table

1. What do you notice?

2. What do you wonder?

Table 3: Selected occupations with fast growth, projected 2012-22, and at least 50,000 workers, 2012

Occupation	Self-employment			Percent of self-employed in occupation, 2012
	Employment growth, projected 2012-22	2012	Projected 2022	
Personal care aides	71.80%	70,400	120,900	5.90%
Management analysts	29.5	153,600	198,900	21.4
Painters, construction and maintenance	19.9	128,700	154,300	40.7
Childcare workers	19.6	374,100	447,400	28.5
Carpenters	14.7	325,400	373,300	36.1
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	12.8	253,300	285,700	22.5
First-line supervisors of housekeeping and janitorial workers	12.8	70,900	79,900	28.4
First-line supervisors of landscaping, lawn service, and groundskeeping workers	12.7	106,500	120,000	51.4
Accountants and auditors	12.4	85,200	95,700	6.7
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	12.2	83,300	93,400	3.6

Note: Data measures only workers for whom self-employment is their primary job.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program

Task 2

Write answers to **Introductory Questions for Table 3.**

Task 3

Complete the **Vocabulary Activity**.

1. Rate your knowledge of the words.
2. Review definitions.
3. Share personal examples.
4. Complete sentences.

Task 4

Read Section 1 and answer the accompanying questions.

Task 5

Read Section 2 and answer the accompanying questions.

Select a member of your group to report to the whole class.

Task 6

Read Section 3 and answer the accompanying questions.

Be prepared to report to the whole class.

Task 7

Part 1: Answer the questions and be prepared to share.

Part 2: Be prepared to share your paragraph out loud.

Task 8: Self-Reflection

Review today's objectives and then complete the **Self-Reflection**.

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