

Earning a Living

Learning Objective:

To find out about unemployment and its effects.



Do all adults have jobs?

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Not all adults work to earn a living. Some adults choose to stay at home to look after their families if they have a husband, wife or partner who can earn money to look after them.

Once adults get to a certain age, they can choose to stop work. This is called **retiring**. People usually retire when they are in their sixties but you can retire earlier than this if you save up enough money to support you once you have stopped working.



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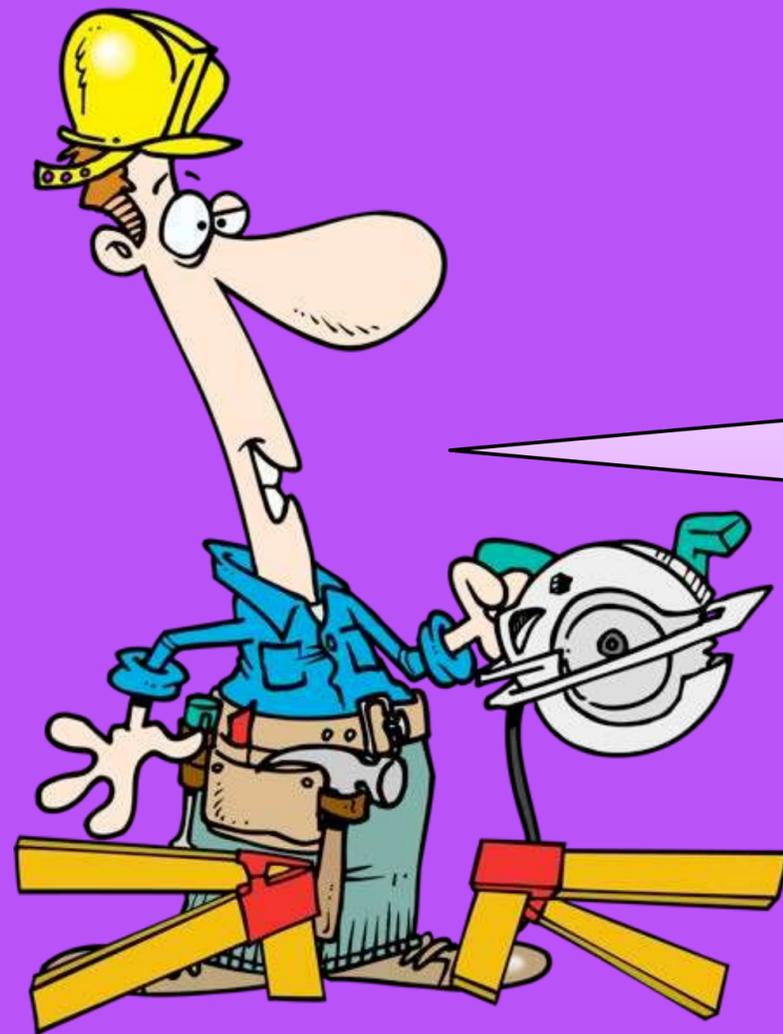
Some adults do not work because they cannot find a job. This is called being **unemployed**. Unemployment can happen for many reasons. Sometimes a person can lose their job if they have done something wrong or are not doing their job properly. Other times, people can lose their jobs if the company cannot afford to keep all its workers. This is known as **redundancy**.



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Being unemployed can be very difficult. It means the person is not making any money which makes supporting themselves and their families (if they have one) very challenging. They might have to get used to a different lifestyle for a while or cut down on the things they would usually buy.



How do you think unemployed people get money to eat and pay for a place to live?

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Although being unemployed in the UK can be very difficult, it can be much harder in countries where the government is not rich enough to help people. If you lose your job and have no other way of getting money, you can lose your home and everything else you own. This then also makes it very hard to find another job.

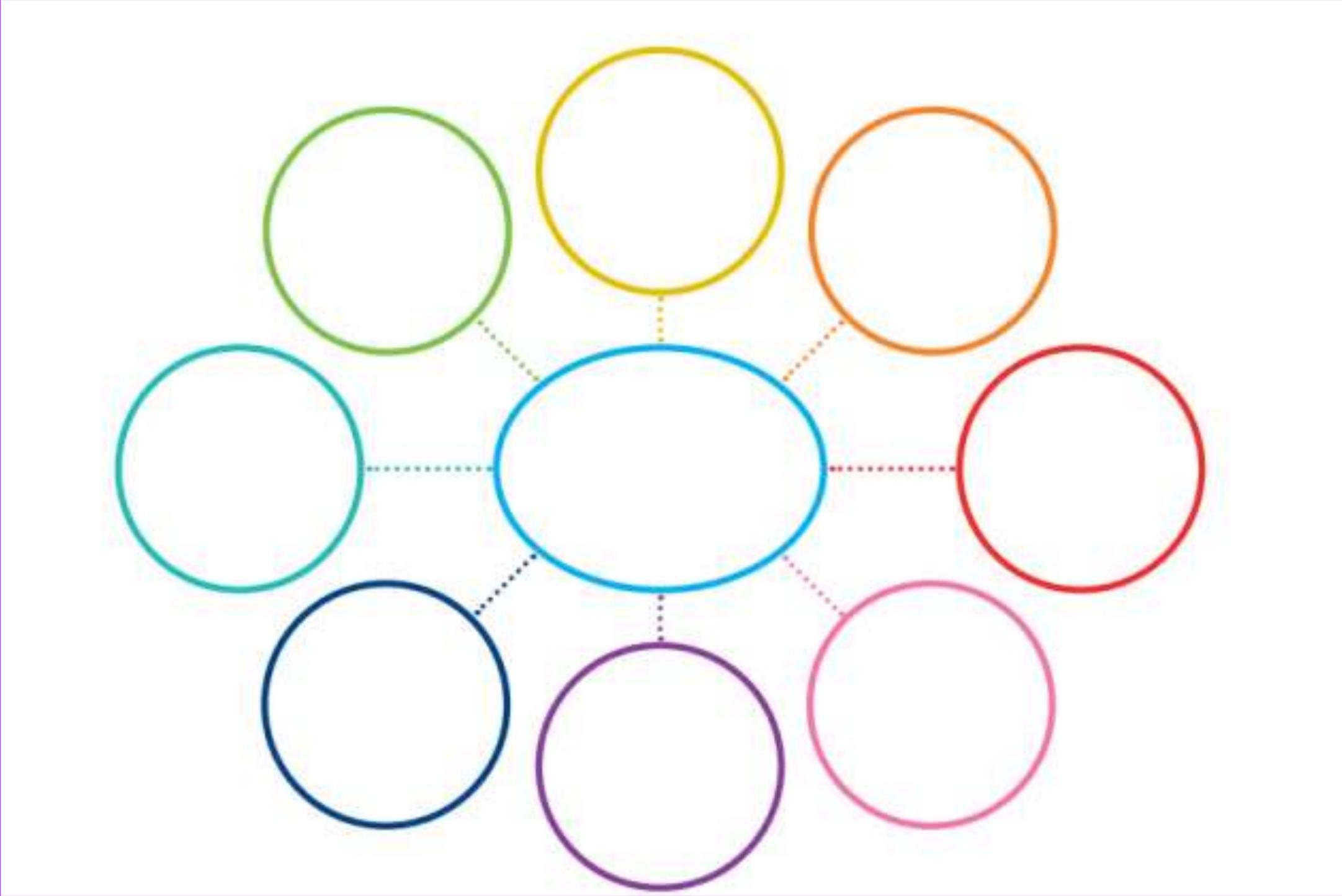
In many developing countries around the world, governments do not help people who are unemployed. This means that they have to find their own way of making money however they can. This often leads to extreme poverty. These women in India are picking whatever scraps they can out of this rubbish tip so they can make and sell things.



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Can you create a mind map or a list to show what you understand from the previous slides about unemployment?
Here is what a mind map looks like. You do not need to print this.



Islamic Link

‘Umar [ibn al-Khaṭṭāb] (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “None of you should sit unoccupied with seeking sustenance and say, ‘O my Lord, give me sustenance,’ for you are well aware that the sky does not rain down gold or silver.”

Zayd ibn Maslama used to cultivate his land, and ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) said to him, “You are doing the right thing. Be independent of people for that will be more protective of your religion and more munificent of you in respect of them...”

