

## Chapter- 9

# Our Occupations

### STUDY NOTES

#### LET'S LEARN

We all need food to eat, clothes to wear, and shelter to live in. To get all these things we need money. To earn money, we have to do some work.

Any work that helps a person to earn a livelihood is called an **occupation**.

- According to their needs, interests, and abilities people follow different occupations.
- People work as teachers, scientists, doctors, engineers, nurses, carpenters, barbers, tailors, farmers, miners, and soldiers, and some work in offices too.

#### Farming

- Farming or agriculture is the main occupation of the people in villages.
- Farmers grow crops that include food grains, pulses, oilseeds, sugarcane, jute, cotton, spices tea, fruits, and vegetables.
- The climate, soil, and amount of water available determine the crops that can grow best in a region.
- Crops grown in a region depend on the season. Wheat can grow in winter and rice in summer on the same farm.



#### Rearing Animals

- Different animals are reared for different purposes.
- Cattle farming consists of rearing cattle like goats, cows, buffaloes, and bullocks.

- Dairy farming is an important occupation because milk and milk products are consumed in great quantities in our country.
- We also get meat from animals like goats.
- Bullocks are used to plough fields and draw carts.
- Poultry farming involves rearing hens, ducks, and geese for their meat and eggs.
- Fishing is an important occupation in coastal areas. Fish is a staple food for many people. We also get oil and other products from fish.
- Fishes are sometimes also reared in big tanks. This is known as fish farming.



### Working in Forests

- Large parts of our country are covered with thick forests. Many people work in these forests. Some cut wood, for making furniture, packing boxes, matchboxes, matchsticks, paper, and cardboard.
- Wood is used to build homes. It is also used as fuel.



### Mining

- Mining involves digging out minerals such as iron, coal, manganese, and petroleum from the earth's surface.
- In Some states in India that are rich in minerals, mining is an important occupation.
- Some of these minerals are processed to get metals. Metals are used to make utensils, pipes, machines, railway engines, automobiles, and many other items.
- Petroleum gives us petrol, diesel, plastics, and medicines. Petrol and diesel are used to

run cars and buses.

- The states of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand are rich in mineral deposits.



### Making Goods in Factories

- Farmers grow cotton in their farms and then cotton has to be converted into clothes for us to wear in factories.
- Similarly, oilseeds, sugarcane, jute, tea leaves, or coffee beans are grown by farmers and are taken to factories and processed to get useful goods such as sugar, rope, tea and coffee powder.
- Metals and plastics are made into useful goods such as utensils, buckets, toys, machines or bodies of cars, buses and aeroplanes in factories.

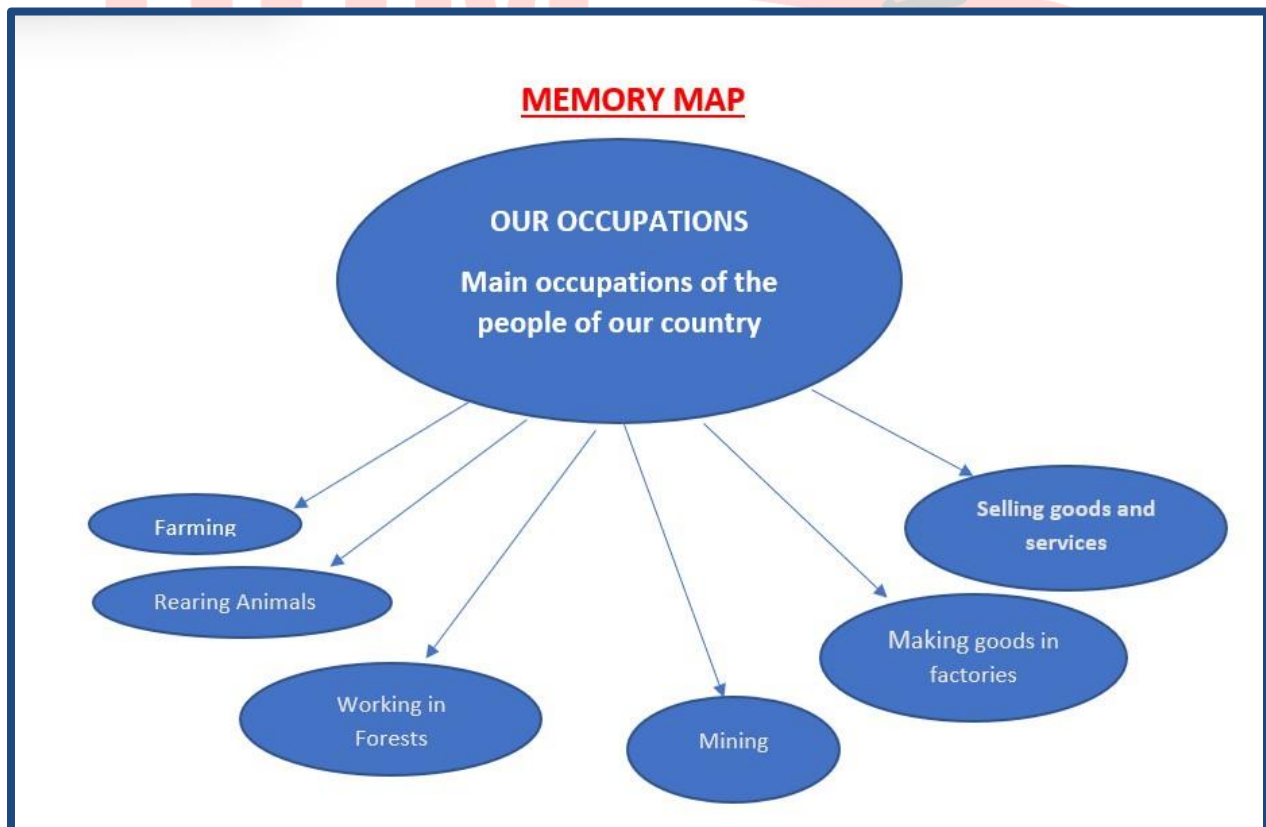


### Selling Goods and Services

- A number of people work in factories to make the goods we use.
- People working in the transport services help to do this.
- Besides goods, we also need certain services. Postal, telecommunications, medical, travel and entertainment are some of them.
- A number of people work to make these goods available to us.



### MEMORY MAP



**Teacher's note**

What would you like to be when you grow up? Talk in the class giving reasons for your particular choice.

**Improve your G.K.**

- Monday is the most common sick day.
- Fridays are the least likely sick day. People are much happier and more likely to fulfill their duties on a Friday.
- The word 'boss' is Dutch, meaning 'a master'

**Let's know more****1. Fill in the blanks.**

- Work done by people to earn a livelihood is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the main occupation of people living in the coastal areas.
- Many people work to provide useful \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ animals are the main occupations of people living in villages.
- The states of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are rich in mineral deposits.

**Let us answer****A. Fill in the blanks.**

- Metals are used to make \_\_\_\_\_.
- Besides eating fish, we also get \_\_\_\_\_ from fish.
- People working in \_\_\_\_\_ take-out minerals from the earth.
- The occupation of dairy farming provides us with \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Pair these.**

Main occupation	Dependant occupation
Dairy farming	Selling eggs
Mining	Making sugar
Poultry farming	Making matchboxes
Crop farming	Making milk products
Wood cutting	Making cars

**C. Give one word for:**

- Work done to earn a livelihood \_\_\_\_\_
- Digging out minerals from the Earth \_\_\_\_\_
- Hen raised for eggs known as \_\_\_\_\_
- A building where goods are made \_\_\_\_\_

5. A large area of land thickly covered with trees \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Answer the following questions.**

1. Why do people need to have an occupation?
2. What is dairy farming?
3. Name four ways in which wood is used.
4. Why do so many occupations depend on mining?
5. In what way do people working in transport services help us?
6. Why should we not waste paper?

**Multiple choice questions**

1. Poultry farming deals with the rearing of  
a. hens    b. crops    c. cows
2. Mining is the main occupation in states which are rich in  
a. Forests    b. minerals    c. wildlife
3. Shopkeepers help us by  
a. Making the goods we use    b. buying things from us    c. selling goods to us
4. In the coastal areas the main occupation is  
a. fishing    b. farming    c. rearing animals
5. Trees are cut down for  
a. Petrol    b. plastics    c. paper

**Answer Key**

**Let's know more**

- 1.a. occupation  
b. Fishing  
c. services  
d. Farming and rearing  
e. Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand

**Let us answer**

- A.1.utensils
2. oil
3. mines
4. milk and milk products.

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C.1.occupation

2. mining
3. poultry
4. factory
5. forest

D.1. Ans: People need to have an occupation to earn a livelihood or money to satisfy their basic needs.

2. Ans: Dairy farming is an important occupation for rearing animals, particularly cows, for producing milk and milk products.

3. Ans: Four ways in which wood is used for making –

- furniture,
- Cardboard
- Build homes
- Packing boxes and also used as fuel.

4. Ans: Mining is an important occupation of people living in states that are rich in minerals.

Many occupations depend on mining because mining gives many digging minerals like iron ore, aluminum, manganese, coal, petroleum etc.

These metals are used to make a variety of products like utensils, bikes, machines, railway engines etc. Petroleum gives us petrol, diesel, plastics and medicines. Petrol and diesel are used to run cars and buses.

5. Ans: Goods made in factories have to transport to people who need them. These people live in various places all over the country. Transports help in reaching the finished goods to these people.

6. Ans: We should not waste paper because it is made up of plants and for manufacturing new paper afresh would be taken down which is not good for the present environmental scenario.

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