

My Job in an Apple Plant

Working in an apple plant was the worst job I ever had. First of all, the work was physically hard. For ten hours a night, I took cartons that rolled down a metal track and stacked them onto wooden skids in a tractor trailer. Each carton contained twenty-five pounds of bottled apple juice, and they came down the track almost nonstop. The second bad feature of the job was the pay. I was getting the minimum wage at that time, \$3.65 an hour, plus a quarter extra for working the night shift. I had to work over sixty hours a week to get decent take-home pay. Finally, I hated the working conditions. We were limited to two ten-minute breaks and an unpaid half hour for lunch. Most of my time was spent outside on the loading dock in near-zero-degree temperatures. I was very lonely on the job because I had no interests in common with the other truck loaders. I felt this isolation especially when the production line shut down for the night, and I spent two hours by myself cleaning the apple vats. The vats were an ugly place to be on a cold morning, and the job was a bitter one to have.

Comprehension passage

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Activity-1 Solution

point: Working in an apple plant ^{was} is the worst job I ever had.

Reason: 1 The work ^{was} was physically hard.

- loaded cartons onto skids for ten hours a night
- The cartons were heavy and contained twenty-five pounds of bottled juices.

Reason: 2 low wage.

- minimum wage of \$3.65 an hour and just a quarter extra for night shifts
- had to work sixty hours for decent take home pay.

Reason: 3. Unfavourable job scenerios.

- Two ten minute breaks and unpaid lunch
- working outside in near-zero degree temperature
- lonliness on job