

Activity 8 | Factory life (40 min)

(activity) Around the world, millions of children work instead of going to school or playing with friends. Child labourers are not in school and instead work long hours in often dangerous jobs to earn a few pounds to help support their family. Some of these children work in factories making clothes and other consumer goods; they spend long hours every day sewing together hats, t-shirts or trousers. Many of these children are illiterate and the chances of getting a better job later on are slim. Show students the theme clips on Panjy's family and the firework factory and Kay Kay's parents.

In this activity, students will pretend to be factory workers and will have to fold as many hats as possible in 15 minutes. Instructions on how to fold a paper hat can be found online, for example: <http://wikihow.com/Make-a-Paper-Hat>¹. Remind students that the hats have to be perfect (no extra creases, no rips), or they won't get paid. How did students find this activity? Ask them to imagine doing this every day, all day, for very little pay².