# Reading Help Wanted Ads

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## NRS EFL 3-5
**TIME FRAME** 2 hours

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### Activities [Real-Life Applications]

**Step 1** - In small groups, students discuss their jobs (Do they work? If so, where? How did they find their current job? How long have they worked there? What are some ways to find a job? etc.) Report back.

**Step 2** - Teacher presents a newspaper and explains that students will be using the classified ads to search for jobs. Teacher presents flash cards with common help-wanted ad abbreviations written on them. Identify abbreviations by guessing as a class.

**Step 3** - On the overhead projector, teacher shows an enlarged portion of 3-4 help wanted ads from the paper. Students identify common abbreviations that were just learned as a review. Students come to the board and write these abbreviations and their meanings on the board.

**Step 4** - In pairs, students scan help wanted ads. Students find a job in the ads they would want to apply for, and circle the ad. Students then answer discussion questions pertaining to their circled ads.

1. What is the job title?
2. What is the job description?
3. How much does the job pay? (If stated at all)
4. What are the job qualifications?
5. Who must you contact for further information about this job?
6. Why would you enjoy this job?

Students write abbreviations or words that are still unfamiliar on the board and identify these words.
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<th>Students present and explain their circled ad to the class, using the discussion questions. For homework as follow-up, students find a help wanted ad in a newspaper, answer the questions, and present to class.</th>
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<td><strong>ASSESSMENT/EVIDENCE</strong></td>
<td>Students will demonstrate understanding of help wanted ads by choosing an appropriate job listing, answering questions related to that listing, and present it to the class.</td>
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| **REFLECTION/EVALUATION** | Purposeful & Transparent  
The lesson has the purpose of demonstrating how to find a job.  
Contextual  
Working and having a job are extremely important in the context of everyday life; the lesson demonstrates this importance.  
Building Expertise  
Students gain useful job hunting skills through the lesson. |
| **NEXT STEPS** |  |

**Technology Integration**

Monster Job Search http://www.monster.com/  
Craig’s List Directory & Classified Ads News http://www.craigs-list-classifieds.com/
Application Success

Description: Students read tips for filling out a job application and complete an online application form.