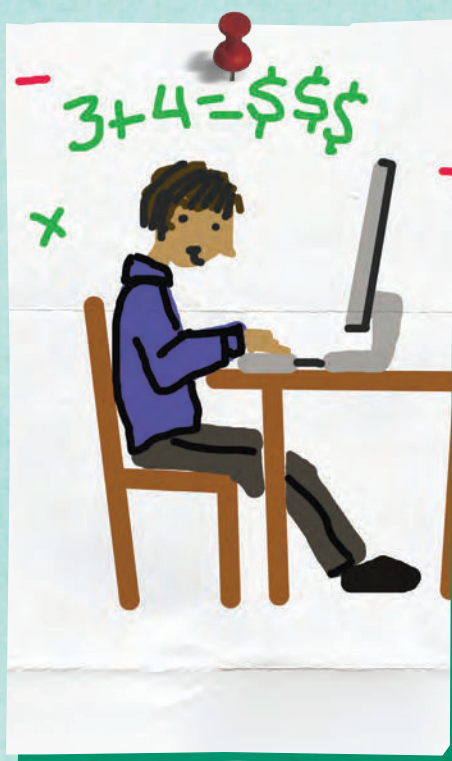


In Ms. Kamar's class, the students are asked to draw a picture that shows them in their future occupation. Here are the pictures that Jade, Esteban and Edward drew.



The three friends talk about their drawings:

Jade: Hey, Edward, you want to be a mechanic too!

Edward: It would be fun if we could work for the same garage!

Esteban: No way, Jade, only boys can be mechanics!

Jade: Not true! I can be a mechanic if I want!

Esteban: You're weird. You want to be a mechanic, you like playing with building blocks, you never skip rope and you're always with the boys... It's like you're not a real girl! It's normal for Edward to want to be a mechanic—he's a boy!

Jade: Just because I don't skip rope, it doesn't mean I'm not a real girl. I don't say you're not a real boy, even though not too many boys love purple like you do! I want to help people with their cars. Boys aren't the only ones who can do that!

Q1

Is it possible for a girl and a boy to want the same job, like Jade and Edward?

In your opinion, is it okay for a girl or a boy to have interests that are different, to want to do different things, or to choose a different occupation than the other girls or boys?

Q2

In your opinion, how does Jade feel when Esteban tells her she's weird because of her interests?

Q3

What could happen if certain preferences or interests were considered acceptable only for girls or only for boys?

Q4

What can I do if people make fun of one of my friends, just because my friend doesn't like the same things as other girls or boys?

Q5

EVERY PERSON IS DIFFERENT, AND SO ARE YOU!

You are allowed to be interested in the things you like, do the things you enjoy and wear the clothes you want, regardless of whether you're a girl or a boy, as long as you follow the rules of the game. Who knows, you might even discover new interests and activities!