

# Animals on Our Minds

My name is Alex and my friends are Chen, Ari, and Karla. Last year, we started our own business. We wanted to earn extra money after school and during our vacations. Our business helps people look after their animals. We do jobs like walking dogs, feeding animals, cleaning cages and fish tanks, and grooming. Our business is called “Animals on Our Minds.”

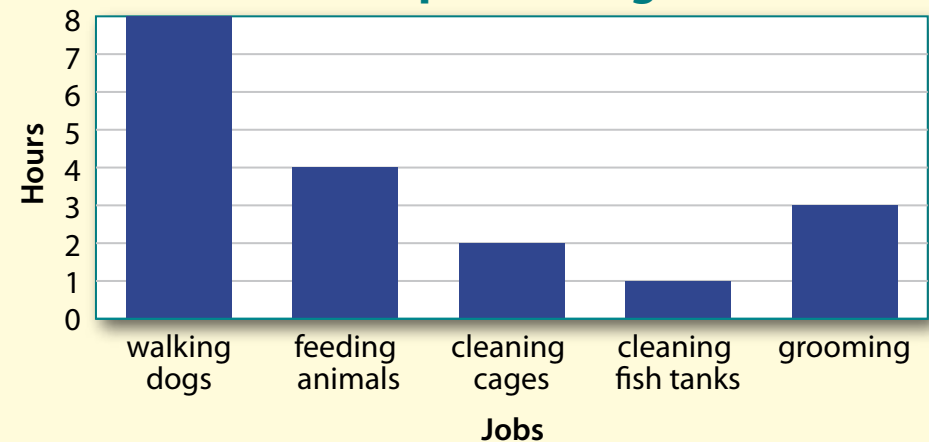


Our business started slowly. We did not have many jobs during the first few months. But soon the people we had helped told others about what we did. Then, our business began to grow. Lots of people got to know about us because we did a good job.

## LET'S EXPLORE MATH

A graph is a kind of picture. It **visually** shows the **data**. A bar graph is a good way to **compare** data. This bar graph shows the number of hours the children spend in 1 week doing different jobs.

### Hours Spent Doing Jobs



- How many hours are spent walking dogs?
- Which 2 tasks do the children spend the least amounts of time doing?
- Which task do the children spend 3 hours per week doing?



# Knowing Our Business

Karla's mom is an **accountant** (uh-KOWN-tuhnt). She helps people run their businesses. She helps people keep track of their **incomes** and **expenses**. We thought Karla's mom might be able to help with our business, too. So we asked her to come to a business meeting.

Karla's mom asked us questions like these: What jobs do you earn the most money doing? Are there other jobs you could be doing? Do you need to cut down how much money you spend? We were not sure of the answers. Karla's mom said she could help us.

## Starting Young

Many young people turn their hobbies into businesses. They might make jewelry or sell lemonade. Do you have a hobby that you could turn into a business?



We decided to keep a notebook about our work. We wrote down all the jobs we have done since we started our business. We also wrote how much money we got paid and what we spent. Karla's mom told us that we could use this information to find out more about our business.

