

KASH GETS HIS FIRST PAYSリップ

Financial Literacy Worksheet 7: Taxes (Age 13)

Story Time: Kash Gets His First Payslip



Kash gets his first job as a weekend cashier at a local store. His contract says he'll earn R2 000 per month.

When he gets his first payslip, he's surprised—his take-home pay is only R1 770! "What happened to the rest of my money?" he asks. Mali explains that it's called tax. Some of the money goes to the government to help pay for schools, hospitals, and roads.

Kash learns that tax is a normal part of working life—and he even gets a breakdown of his deductions on the payslip.

Comprehension Check

1. What job did Kash get?

2. How much was his salary before tax?

3. What was his take-home pay?

Tax Maths

Kash earns R2 000. His payslip shows these deductions:

- Tax: R120

- UIF: R50

- Admin Fee: R60

a) Total deductions = R _____

b) Take-home pay = R _____

If Kash works for 3 months, how much total tax does he pay?

R _____

Word Bank: Match the Meaning

Match the tax terms to their meanings:

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| 1. Gross Income | A. A fee that helps people if they lose their job |
| 2. UIF | B. Money earned before deductions |
| 3. Deduction | C. Money taken away from income |
| 4. Take-home Pay | D. Money you get after all deductions |

Let's Recap

- Tax is money collected by the government to fund public services.
- Payslips show gross income, deductions, and take-home pay.
- Everyone who works contributes to society through taxes.

Write It: My Thoughts on Tax

Do you think paying tax is fair? Why or why not? _____

What are some things in your community that are paid for by tax money? _____
