

## Being a Business Owner

Another type of work that people don't always think about is owning a business. It can be fun, exciting, and rewarding ... but it can also be quite challenging!

First of all, workers expect a regular paycheck when you work for a company. That's not always the case when you own a business. Another big difference is that when you work for a company, you usually have one main job in that company. When you own a business, you have to do several different jobs. If one of your workers is sick, you will probably have to do their job that day as well as yours.



If you are creative and are a leader, then this may be rewarding work for you to explore. Sometimes this type of job is like a great big puzzle. You must figure out what individuals are interested in buying and you have to cover all of your expenses in order to earn a profit. If you have a good idea or product, then other businesses may open up that sell an item similar to your products.

One of the best benefits is that you are working for yourself! There may be long hours that you have to work, but you have a lot of control with what you want to do. Here are some common traits that most business owners have in common:

- **Resilient.** There are a lot of ups and downs. A good business owner can keep moving forward even when things aren't going well.
- **Focus.** Business owners are able to think about the future and figure out what the next step should be to help them reach their goal.
- **Planning.** They need to think about lots of different things to grow their business.
- **Learning.** Business owners always must learn new things.
- **Money Management.** Business owners need to be very good about taking care of the money the business earns.
- **Managing Projects.** They need to be good at making sure all of the company's projects are completed on time.
- **Solving problems.** They need to think things through and figure out solutions to problems.

One of the best things about owning a business is that it can be in almost type of industry and in any state! What do you think ... does this sound like something you might like to do?

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