

Tax Day

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you know about Tax Day?

Definitions:

- Due – expected or required
- Deadline – a set time when something must be done or finished
- W-2 form – a form telling your yearly earnings
- Refund – the return of money that has already been paid



Image from Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Reading

16 Tax Day is April 15. Wan wants to get her taxes done before that date. She
33 does not want to wait until the day they are due. Taxes must be mailed by midnight
of April 15th. People who do not meet the deadline are **fin**ed.

45 Wan needs two things in order to complete her taxes. She needs the tax form
60 and her W-2 form. Wan gets the easy tax form at the library. Tax forms can also be
78 found at most post offices.

83 Wan got her W-2 form in the mail. Her place of work sent it to her at the end
102 of January. She has what she needs to start working on her taxes.

115 Wan reads and follows the directions. She prints her name. The form asks for
128 her first name and middle initial, then her last name. She prints her address and her
144 zip code. She writes her Social Security number. She completes the rest of the form.

160 Wan is pleased. She has finished the form, and she is getting a refund. She
175 marks the refund box on the tax form. The money will go right into her checking
191 account.

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Understanding

1. When are taxes due? _____

2. What two things do you need to begin your taxes? _____

3. Where can you get tax forms? _____

4. What does the word **fine** mean in this reading? _____

5. How and when did Wan get her W-2? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: How do you feel about doing your taxes? Are the forms easy or difficult to complete? When do you do your taxes?
