

# Safety Gear



## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What kind of special clothing do you wear for safety at work?

### Definitions:

- Gear – equipment, clothes, or tools used for a special purpose or activity
- Apron – a covering for all or part of the front of the body

## Reading

13 Staying safe and healthy at work is very important. Your employer does not  
32 want you to get hurt on the job. It is important to always use the right gear on the  
job. Many people need special gear at work.

40 Maria and Carlos clean industrial fabrics. They wash the fabrics with liquid  
52 chemicals. Sometimes these chemicals spill. Their rubber boots **protect** Maria and  
63 Carlos from slipping on wet floors. Maria and Carlos must wear rubber boots at  
77 work. They must wear rubber gloves to protect their hands from the chemicals.  
90 Rubber boots and gloves are required for workers' safety.

99 Mary is a cook at a restaurant. She is **required** to wear a hairnet at work. She  
116 does not like wearing her hairnet, but she does understand why it's important.  
129 Hairnets keep hair out of the food. Hairnets also keep long hair from getting caught  
144 in the blenders and mixers cooks use. Mary wears an apron to protect her clothing.

159 Juan is a nurse's aid at a nursing home. He must wear special gloves when he  
175 works with blood. The gloves protect him from getting diseases.

185 Always use the right safety gear on the job. The gear will protect you from  
200 getting hurt. If your gear is broken, tell your supervisor right away. Your supervisor  
214 will help you get new gear.

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## Understanding

1. What safety gear does Juan wear at work? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why does he wear it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What does the word **protect** mean in this story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What safety gear does Maria wear at work? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Why does she wear it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What should you do if your gear breaks? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What does the word **required** mean in this story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your words.

Choice B: What kind of safety gear do you wear at your work? Why do you wear it?

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