

Tuck's bicycle business



Once upon a time in a land not so far away, gas for cars and trucks was VERY expensive, and more and more people were riding bicycles. Tuck, a smart and handy young woman wanted to set up a bicycle and skateboard repair shop. She needed some equipment and a place to work. Her mom wouldn't let her have a garage, as they needed a place for the car. She went to 10th Bank and asked for a loan. Because she was under the age of 18, the bank was unwilling to lend her money (she had no credit history), but her mom agreed to co-sign for a \$1000 loan with 5% interest. Interest is the price you pay to borrow money.

Tuck searched around and found a garage down the street that was not being used. She asked the owner, Mr. Bird, if she could rent it and he said yes, but it would cost \$20 a month. Tuck knew that she needed several bike stands, an automatic air pump, and some additional tools. She also bought some spray painting equipment and decals.

The business grew pretty quickly, fixing flats, replacing handlebars, adjusting brakes, rebalancing wheels, and painting skateboards. She decided to hire some friends who were pretty hand with bikes and boards, Marty and Robin. They agreed to work for about \$12 an hour, about ten hours a month.



Directions: You and a partner will discuss how the terms in the graphic organizer below applies to Tuck's Bicycle Business.

