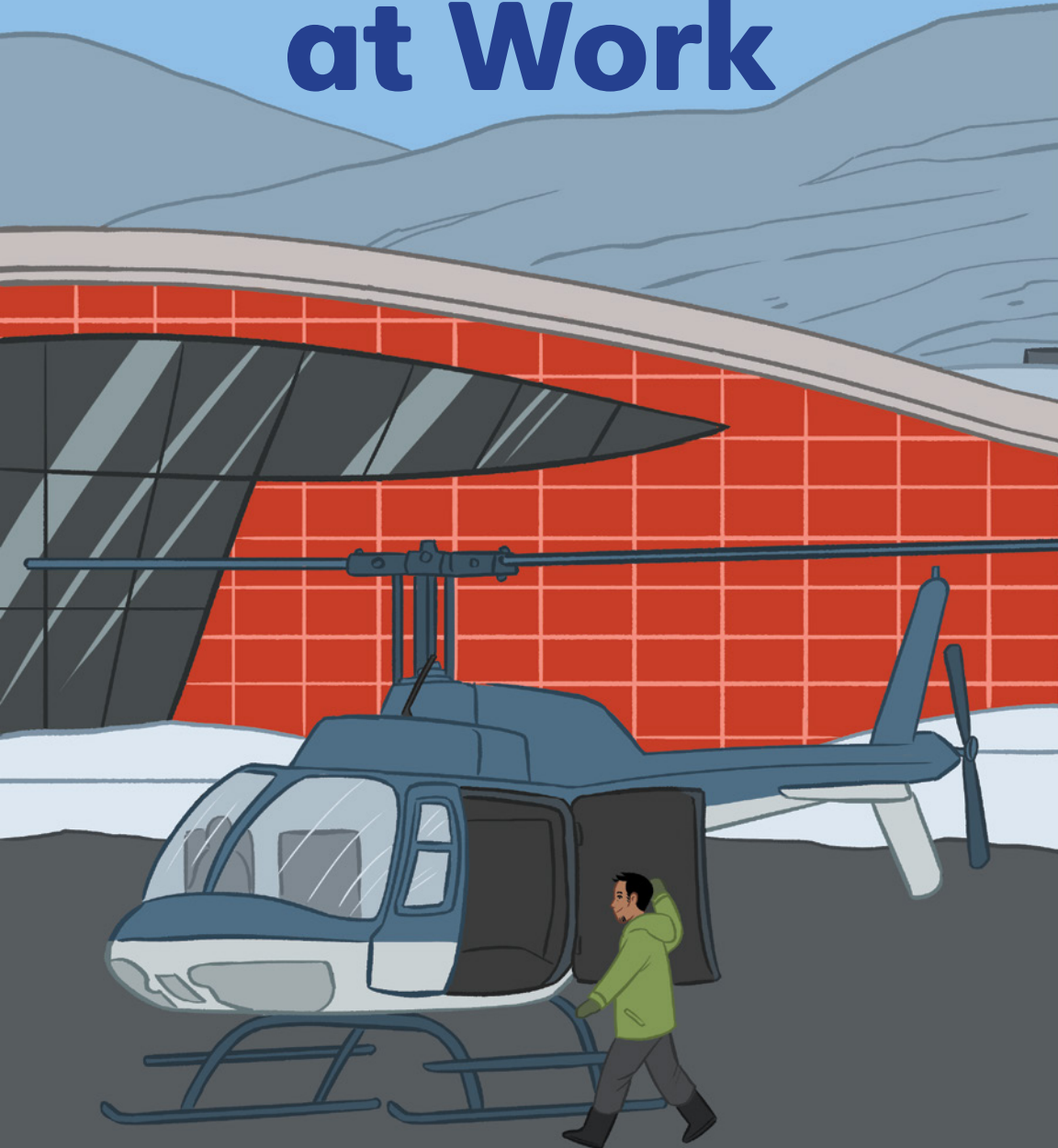


# My Family at Work



This book is part of the Tulliniliara Reading Series, developed by the Department of Family Services in Nunavut. The Tulliniliara Reading Series is a unique, Nunavut-developed literacy initiative that infuses awareness of skills, interests, and careers into a culturally appropriate reading program.

The Tulliniliara Reading Series was developed to support the reading level guidelines outlined in Uqalimaariuqsaniq, the Department of Education's reading program. Uqalimaariuqsaniq is a sequential and progressive Inuktitut reading program that supports students in their development as readers.

The Tulliniliara Reading Series will inform readers about jobs available in their community. It will also provide opportunities for readers to consider their own interests and skills when thinking about future work. Awareness of career possibilities at a young age will better prepare children to understand the opportunities that are open to them and the importance of staying in school.

These books represent the Department of Family Services' investment in the early development of our future workforce.

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## **Book details**

<b>Level:</b>	10
<b>Text Type:</b>	Fiction
<b>Subjects/themes:</b>	Jobs and workplaces
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Today, my whole family is at my house for dinner! My brother Jimmy is home from college.

Everyone is happy to see him. He is studying to become a conservation officer.

“What does a conservation officer do?” I ask my brother.

“A conservation officer works with hunters and fishers to protect our environment,” Jimmy says. “Sometimes they help find people who are lost or stranded on the land.”





“How did you know you wanted to become a conservation officer?” I ask my brother.

“Ataatatsiaq has taken me on many hunts,” Jimmy says. “He taught me that it is important to protect our land and the animals that live here.”

I decide to ask what my other family members do at work. I know that my dad is a helicopter pilot.

“Ataata, what do you do at work?” I ask.

“I work for the mining company,” Ataata replies. “We fly far out onto the land to collect samples of rocks and minerals for scientists to study.”





My mom is a nurse.

“Anaana, what does a nurse do?” I ask.

Anaana replies, “I work with newborn babies. I make sure they are healthy, and I help new parents learn how to take care of them.”

My aunt is a high school teacher.

“Aja, what do you teach at school?” I ask.

“I teach Inuktitut,” she replies. “I teach students about Inuit history and culture in Inuktitut.”





I don't know what my uncle does at work!

“Anga, where do you work?”  
I ask.

“I work at the power plant,”  
he replies. “I make sure the  
machines work properly so the  
town can have power.”

I wonder what my grandmother did today.

“Anaanatsiaq, did you go to work today?” I ask her.

“I am a volunteer, irngutaq,” she says. “That means that I give my time without being paid. I prepare lunch at the soup kitchen, and I help out at the thrift store.”





My grandfather spends a lot of his time on the land.

“Ataatatsiaq, is hunting your work?” I ask.

“It is! Sometimes I am a guide on polar bear hunts with my dog team,” he says. “But I also enjoy going out with you and your ataata to hunt caribou and seal for our family.”

“Is this the caribou that we caught when we were on a hunt together?” I ask my grandfather.

“It is,” he replies and smiles.

“That was such a fun day!” I say. I bite into a juicy piece of caribou and smile.





“What do you want to be when you grow up?” my brother asks me.

I think about it. I could be a hunter or a teacher or a pilot or something else!

“I don’t know yet,” I say. “But I know that I want to help my community like all of you!”



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