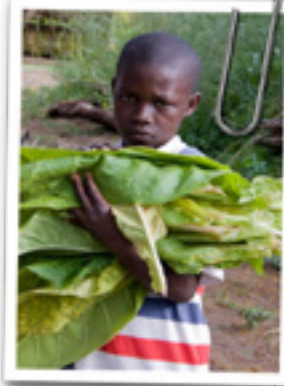


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Personal life

Name: Asile
 Age: 9 years old
 Sex: Male
 Country: Malawi, Africa
 Family: Mother, father, five siblings



Working life

Job title: Tobacco Field Worker
 Job description: Hand picks tobacco leaves on tobacco farm in Malawi
 Employer: Tobacco company
 Home to work distance: 1 hour on foot
 Daily income: Approx. 11 pence a day
 Working hours: 6am – 5pm

Health

Known illnesses: Green Tobacco Sickness caused by picking tobacco leaves
 Symptoms of illness: Muscle weakness, vomiting
 Education: None
 Aspirations: Would like to be a teacher when he grows up

Task

Use the profile to write a short 'day in the life of Asile the Tobacco Farm Worker'.

Use the information provided and try to imagine what Asile's daily routine is like. Use the internet to gain more information on what it is like to work in the tobacco fields. (Key words to search: 'child labour tobacco fields' 'green tobacco sickness').

Consider the following:

- Why do you think Asile has to work in the fields at such a young age?
- Why does Asile get sick?
- Is there anything the tobacco companies could do to prevent this?
- How likely is Asile to grow up to be a teacher?

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