



## Task Title: Podcast About Women in Skilled Trades

### OALCF Cover Sheet – Practitioner Copy

**Learner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Started:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Successful Completion:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Goal Path:** Employment ☒ Apprenticeship ☒

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

**Task Description:** The learner will listen to a portion (approximately 13 minutes) of a podcast and answer questions about a woman's experiences as one of the only female welders.

### Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Extract info from films, broadcasts and presentations/A3

### Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device
- Computer

## Learner Information

Many people still hold prejudices about women in skilled trades. It can be helpful to learn more from women who have built successful careers in the trades.

Open the CBC Radio “Ideas” podcast page. Listen to the first 13 minutes of the podcast “Why are women still outsiders in the trades?”.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/welder-hilary-peach-outsider-inside-trades-1.7190553>

You may be interested in listening to the entire podcast (53:49), or reading the book that is being discussed, but the questions for this task can all be answered by listening to the first 13 minutes.

## Work Sheet

**Task 1: What is the title of Hilary Peach's book?**

Answer:

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**Task 2: What reason does Hilary give for choosing skilled trades as a career later in life?**

Answer:

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**Task 3: List three reasons Hilary's first welding instructor gave to discourage her from pursuing the welding trade.**

Answer:

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**Task 4: What brought Hilary to Local Union 191 in Victoria?**

Answer:

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**Task 5: How did Hilary avoid standing in several inches of water and getting shocked on the barge decks?**

Answer:

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## Answers

### **Task 1: What is the title of Hilary Peach's book?**

Answer:

"Thick Skin: Field Notes from a Sister in the Brotherhood".

### **Task 2: What reason does Hilary give for choosing skilled trades as a career later in life?**

Answer: She was looking for a career that would sustain her and pay the bills.

### **Task 3: List three reasons Hilary's first welding instructor gave to discourage her from pursuing the welding trade.**

Answers may include three of

- It's a "rough trade"
- Heavy work
- Long hours
- Hard on your body: bad knees, bad back as a result of the work
- Breathing in smoke
- Travelling all the time and living out of hotel rooms

### **Task 4: What brought Hilary to Local Union 191 in Victoria?**

Answer: Hilary moved to the area to take a welding job working on an aluminum ferry project that had a fabricating shop near the airport. It was a 2-year project and when it ended, Hilary was in the union and put on the dispatch list for the shipyards.

**Task 5: How did Hilary avoid standing in several inches of water and getting shocked on the barge decks?**

Answer: She learned that if she put plastic bags over her socks before they got wet, surgical gloves under her leather work gloves, and stabbed the electrified carbon straight down through the water at the lowest point, she was able to make a drain hole. If the water was draining at the low point, and she started cutting out plates at the highest points, she wasn't actually standing in the water and she got shocked less often.

### Performance Descriptors

Levels	Performance Descriptors	Needs Work	Completes task with support from practitioner	Completes task independently
A3	Extract info from films, broadcasts and presentations			

This task: Was successfully completed ☐ Needs to be tried again ☐

Learner Comments:

Instructor (print):

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Learner (print):

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