

Jobs and Professions

Choosing a
Career

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| 1. | Accountant | A. | a person who practises law, especially a barrister or solicitor. |
| 2. | Surgeon | B. | a worker who makes and repairs, especially the wooden parts of buildings and other structures of wood. |
| 3. | Lawyer | C. | a person whose profession is to keep and examine business accounts. |
| 4. | Journalist | D. | a person who designs and supervises the construction of the buildings. |
| 5. | Carpenter | E. | a doctor who performs operations. |
| 6. | Barber | F. | a woman whose job is to take care of a particular family's children. |
| 7. | Architect | G. | a person engaged in journalism (work of writing for editing or publishing journals). |
| 8. | Nurse | H. | a person who cares for people who are ill or injured. |
| 9. | Turner | I. | an employee in an office, who deals with correspondence, keeps records, makes arrangements and appointments for a particular member of the staff. |
| 10. | Secretary | J. | a person whose trade is shaving and cutting men's hair. |
| 11. | Bricklayer | K. | a workman who builds with bricks. |
| 12. | Engineer | L. | a person who works a lathe. |
| 13. | Economist | M. | a person who writes lectures on economics or political economy. |
| 14. | Sculptor | N. | an artist who sculptures. |
| 15. | Nanny | O. | a person who works in a branch of engineering; a person who designs engines, machines, bridges, railways; a skilled or trained person who controls communications. |

• Jobs and qualities



1 a) Which of the following jobs can you see in the pictures?

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| • doctor | • estate agent | • farmer | • business executive |
| • journalist | • deep sea diver | • policeman | • scientist |
| • builder | • nurse | • secretary | • lawyer |
| • teacher | • ballerina | • cashier | • mechanic |
| • chef | • vet | • porter | • electrician |

b) Look at the jobs in Ex. 1a and answer the questions. Who ...

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| • works 9 to 5? | • works indoors? |
| • works with their hands? | • gets a commission? |
| • works in an office? | • gets a high salary? |
| • gets tips? | • has flexible hours? |
| • works in a hospital? | • does shift work? |
| • works outdoors? | • wears a uniform at work? |

Use the adjectives to discuss what qualities are needed for the following jobs. Give reasons.

JOBS

chef
estate agent
business executive
police officer
electrician
secretary

QUALITIES

motivated, imaginative, confident, practical,
cautious, flexible, honest, tactful, fit, alert,
able to remain/stay calm, disciplined, organised, courageous,
persuasive, curious, responsible, sociable, energetic, polite,
skilled, able to work in a team

- A chef needs to be **imaginative** so that he can design menus and present his cooking in an attractive way. He also needs to be able to stay calm while working under pressure especially during weekends.

Read the table below. Then tell your partner which of the jobs appeals to you the most and the least. Use the useful language below. You can also use your own ideas.

	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
teacher	rewarding work, long holidays	involves a lot of preparation and marking
doctor	helps improve people's health, has a high income	has irregular working hours, has to deal with unpleasant situations, job is stressful
farmer	works in the open air, avoids hectic city life	relies on the weather, may get lonely and isolated
forest ranger	works in a natural environment, protects wildlife and their habitats	often works alone, faces dangers
dancer	involves travel, keeps fit	low pay, short career antisocial hours

- Questions
- Have you already chosen your future profession? What is it?
- Did you choose your career when you were a child?
- Do you want to continue the career of your parents or grandparents?
- Did your plans for the future change many times during your school years?
- Who played a very important role in your choice?
- Was your teachers' influence on your mind great?
- Is your future profession something you really want to do?
- Is your future profession for the society you live in?
- What professions do you like best of all?
- What do you need to be a good specialist in any profession?
- What qualities does a person need to be a good businessman (doctor)?
- What skills and qualities should a person have to become a real professional?
- Are there any jobs which can only be done a man (a woman)?
- What kinds of jobs interest you most and least?
- What is dream job?
- How many jobs do you think you'll have in your life?
- Is being a rock star or sports star a jo

Answer the following questions

What should you do to choose a right profession for yourselves? What should you do to make a right choice of profession?

- To communicate with the people of your favourite professions.
- To discuss this question with your parents, relatives, friends, teachers.
- To learn the professions you like best of all.
- To do different psychological tests to define the jobs fit your personality.
- To try different activities.
- To consult with different specialists which can help you to choose your future profession.
- To learn your skills, habits etc

- Write a short essay on the theme
'Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful'

Homework