

# **Jobs and Professions**

Choosing a  
Career

# **Comment on the following quotations:**

## **Group A**

**“Find a job you like and you add five days to every week.”**

**(H. Jackson Brown Jr.)**

## **Group B**

**“Every man is the architect of his own fortune.”**

**(Appius Claudius)**

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| 7.  | <b>Architect</b>  | G. | a person engaged in journalism (work of writing for editing or publishing journals).   |
| 8.  | <b>Nurse</b>      | H. | a person who cares for people who are ill or injured.  |
| 9.  | <b>Turner</b>     | I. | an employee in an office, who deals with correspondence, keeps records, makes arrangements and appointments for a particular member of the staff.                  |
| 10. | <b>Secretary</b>  | J. | a person whose trade is shaving and cutting men's hair.  |
| 11. | <b>Bricklayer</b> | K. | a workman who builds with bricks.  |
| 12. | <b>Engineer</b>   | L. | a person who works a lathe.  |
| 13. | <b>Economist</b>  | M. | a person who writes lectures on economics or political economy.  |
| 14. | <b>Sculptor</b>   | N. | an artist who sculptures.  |
| 15. | <b>Nanny</b>      | 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. |

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• 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

**What are the most important thing about the job? Rank them, then compare your list to your partners.**

- A long-term career prospects
- Personal satisfaction/Job satisfaction
- Opportunity to travel
- Using your initiative
- Being close to where you live
- Perks and bonuses
- Flexible hours
- Other