# 35 Jobs

## A Working with your hands




**builder**
[**builds** or **repairs** homes]




**carpenter**
[makes things using **wood**]




**plumber**
[**installs** and **repairs** water pipes, etc.]




**electrician**
[**installs** and **repairs** electrical things, e.g. lights]



**mechanic**
[**repairs** cars when there is a problem]

### Language help

When something is damaged or broken, we often use **repair** or **fix**.
*Dad **repaired/fixed** the window for me.* *I need someone to **fix/repair** the computer.*

With small pieces of equipment we can also use **mend**; with clothes we often use mend.
*Could you **fix/repair/mend** my watch?* *I've **mended** your trousers for you.*

## B Professions*

| job | what he/she does |
|---|---|
| **architect** | **designs** buildings |
| **lawyer** | **represents** people with legal problems |
| **engineer** | **plans** the building of roads, bridges, machines, etc. |
| **accountant** | controls the financial situation of people and companies |
| **university lecturer** | teaches in a university, e.g. gives **lectures** |

* jobs that need a lot of training and/or education

## C The medical profession

These people **treat** people or animals. [give medicine or medical help]

**GPs** [general practitioners: doctors who don't work in a hospital], **dentists** [people who look after your teeth] and **vets** [animal doctors] all work in a place called a **surgery**. In hospital there are **nurses** who look after people, and **surgeons** who **operate on** people. [open the body to remove or repair a part that is damaged]

## D The armed forces and the emergency services

My son **joined** the army when he was 18. [became a member of]




**soldier**
(in the **army**)



**sailor**
(in the **navy**)



**pilot**
(in the **air force**)



**police officer**
(in the **police force**)



**fireman/ firefighter** (in the **fire brigade**)



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# Exercises

**35.1** **Match the job on the left with something the person uses on the right.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 lecturer | [c] | a a gun |
| 2 plumber | [ ] | b wood |
| 3 accountant | [ ] | c books |
| 4 builder | [ ] | d pipes |
| 5 soldier | [ ] | e bricks |
| 6 carpenter | [ ] | f numbers |

**35.2** **Write down *one* job from the opposite page that would be difficult for the person in 2–6, and *three* jobs that would be difficult for the person in 7–9.**

1 Someone who didn't go to university. *dentist*
2 Someone who is always sick on a boat. .....
3 Someone who is not interested in cars. .....
4 Someone who is afraid of dogs. .....
5 Someone who is afraid of heights and high places. .....
6 Someone who is terrible at numbers and maths. .....
7 Someone who isn't good at working with their hands. ..... ..... .....
8 Someone who cannot see very well. ..... ..... .....
9 Someone who will not work in the evening or at weekends. ..... ..... .....

**35.3** **Test your knowledge. Can you write down what these people do without looking at the opposite page?**

1 A university lecturer *teaches university students.*
2 A vet .....
3 An architect .....
4 An electrician .....
5 A lawyer .....
6 A surgeon .....
7 A mechanic .....
8 A dentist .....
9 An engineer .....

**35.4** **Complete the dialogues.**

1 A: She's a police officer.
B: *Really? When did she join the police force?*
2 A: He's a sailor.
B: .....
3 A: He's a fighter pilot.
B: .....
4 A: She's a soldier.
B: .....
5 A: He's a firefighter.
B: .....

**35.5** **Over to you**

Write a list of friends, relatives or neighbours who have jobs. What does each person do?



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