76 -er / -or / -r nouns

It is common in English to add *-er, -or* or *-r* to a verb to describe the person who does the action of the verb.

***Teachers** are people who **teach** as a job.*

***Visitors** are people who **visit** a place, often as tourists.*

Here are more examples.

A **driver** is a person who **drives**, often as a job: *a bus/taxi **driver**.*

Workers are people who **work**, especially in a particular kind of work: *office/farm/factory **workers**.*

The **listener** is the person who is **listening**, e.g. to the radio, the **speaker** is the person who is **speaking**, e.g.to an audience, and the **reader** is the person who is **reading**, e.g. a book.

An **owner** is a person who **owns** something:
*I'm the **owner** of that car. I bought it last week.*

An **actor** is a person who **acts** as a job: *a TV/film **actor**.*

The **winner** is the person who **wins** something, e.g. a **competition** or a **race**.

Travellers are people who are **travelling**:
*Rail **travellers** often have difficult journeys.*

An **instructor** is a person who **instructs** people.

GLOSSARY

winner	the person who is the best or the first in a game, competition or race
competition	a game or test that people want to win: *a painting **competition***
race	In a **race**, people run, drive, ride, etc. in a competition to see who is fastest.
instructor	a person who teaches you how to do sth: *a driving **instructor***

1 Complete the sentences.

▶ A person who teaches is a teacher.
1 A person who owns something is the _____.
2 A person who visits somewhere is _____.
3 A person who travels is a _____.
4 A person who wins something is a _____.
5 A person who instructs people is an _____.
6 A person who drives is a _____.
7 A person who acts on television is a _____.
8 A person who works in a factory is a _____.

2 Make six phrases using a word from each box.

radio	film	bus	driving	travellers ✓	instructor	worker	driver
office	air ✓	English		listener	teacher	actor	

▶ air travellers _____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

3 Complete the sentences.

▶ My cousin has been a film actor for a few years.
1 The museum gets a lot of _____ every year.
2 Mr Jacobs is the _____ of that big house on the corner of the road.
3 He was the winner of the _____ last year.
4 I have a neighbour who is a taxi _____.
5 The farm employs about ten _____.
6 The BBC Radio morning programme has about five million _____.
7 Some _____ always want books to have a happy ending.
8 I often have to ask the _____ to repeat what they said.
9 My brother came second but I don't know who the _____ was.
10 Our English _____ explains things to our class very well.

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