

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: <i>a painting competition</i>
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: <i>a driving instructor</i>

1 Complete the sentences.

- A person who teaches is a teacher.
- 1 A person who owns something is the owner.
- 2 A person who visits somewhere is visitor.
- 3 A person who travels is a traveller.
- 4 A person who wins something is a winner.
- 5 A person who instructs people is an instructor.
- 6 A person who drives is a driver.
- 7 A person who acts on television is a film actor.
- 8 A person who works in a factory is a factory worker.

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 visitors every year.
- 2 Mr Jacobs is the owner of that big house on the corner of the road.
- 3 He was the winner of the race last year.
- 4 I have a neighbour who is a driver.
- 5 The farm employs about ten workers.
- 6 The BBC Radio morning programme has about five million listeners.
- 7 Some readers always want books to have a happy ending.
- 8 I often have to ask the instructor to repeat what they said.
- 9 My brother came second but I don't know who the runner-up was.
- 10 Our English teacher explains things to our class very well.



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