

## 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                                            |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>architect</b>           | <b>designs</b> buildings                                    |
| <b>lawyer</b>              | <b>represents</b> people with legal problems                |
| <b>engineer</b>            | <b>plans</b> the building of roads, bridges, machines, etc. |
| <b>accountant</b>          | controls the financial situation of people and companies    |
| <b>university lecturer</b> | teaches in a university, e.g. gives <b>lectures</b>         |

\* 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**)

## Exercises

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

- |              |                                     |           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 lecturer   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a a gun   |
| 2 plumber    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | b wood    |
| 3 accountant | <input type="checkbox"/>            | c books   |
| 4 builder    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | d pipes   |
| 5 soldier    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | e bricks  |
| 6 carpenter  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 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.                     | <i>dentist</i> |
| 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?

- A university lecturer *teaches university students.*
- A vet .....
- An architect .....
- An electrician .....
- A lawyer .....
- A surgeon .....
- A mechanic .....
- A dentist .....
- An engineer .....

### 35.4 Complete the dialogues.

- A: She's a police officer.  
B: *Really? When did she join the police force?*
- A: He's a sailor.  
B: .....
- A: He's a fighter pilot.  
B: .....
- A: She's a soldier.  
B: .....
- 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?