

Planning a safe future career

UNIT 5

Choose your future career carefully – experts are predicting big changes in the jobs we'll do in the next ten or twenty years. Some jobs might disappear, but others will become more important.

The Internet will have a big effect. People already choose to do a lot of their shopping online, so there won't be as many shops, and there won't be many jobs for shop assistants. Some postmen and other post office staff might lose their jobs, because people will send everything by email.



Another job that might disappear because of technology is photo processors – the people who print photos. This is because most of us keep our photos on our computers now and never print them. Also, there might not be as many jobs for builders as there are today. 3D printers will soon make parts of buildings or even whole buildings in just a few hours.

So which jobs are safe?

- **Computer programmers** – a hundred years ago there were none, but now there are lots of them and there will be even more in future because almost all jobs will need computers.
- **Environment protection officer** – there will be a lot of new 'green' jobs as environmental problems get more serious.
- **Carers** – people will live longer and we'll need carers to look after us in old age.
- **Online education manager** – many students will take online courses. There will be jobs for people to create and organise the courses.

And of course, we will still need **actors** and **musicians** to entertain us, **lawyers** to argue and **politicians** to make the big decisions.



ACTIVITY 1.

- 1 Which jobs do you think might disappear in the future?
- 2 Which jobs do you think there will be more of in the future?

ACTIVITY 2.

Read the article again. What will happen because of these things?

- online shopping
- sending emails
- digital photos
- 3D printers

- environmental problems
- living longer
- studying online