



plumber



electrician



carpenter

D.H. Electronics are **seeking** a new **Chief Executive**

Rising complaints about the number of **civil servants** in this country

Manual workers in short supply

Government wants to create thousands of new **apprentices**

I've been a **jeweller** and **librarian**. Now, I'm a **housewife**.

Senior posts in Health Service still left **vacant**

I do **casual work** as a **barman** in the evenings.

It's very hard to find good **plumbers, electricians** and **carpenters nowadays**.

Being an **accountant** not as **lucrative** as it used to be!

I used to be a **butcher**, but now I'm a **handyman**.

New tax **incentives** for the **self-employed**

You need to be pretty **tough** to be a **bodyguard**.

We need more **entrepreneurs**, says Industry Minister

More people unwilling to accept **low-status** jobs

GLOSSARY

seek formal	try to find or get sth	housewife	(male househusband) a person who doesn't have a job outside the home and spends their time cleaning the home, looking after the family, etc.
executive	a person who has an important position as a manager in a business, organization, etc. A chief executive is the person with the highest rank in a company or organization.	nowadays	at the present time, in contrast with the past sth that encourages you (to do sth)
apprentice	a young person who works for a fixed period of time in order to learn the skills needed in a particular job. An apprenticeship is the state of being an apprentice.	incentive	working for yourself and making money from your own business
casual	(of work) not permanent or regular: casual work/labour	self-employed	a person who makes money by starting or running a business, especially one involving financial risk
barman	(female barmaid) a person who serves drinks from behind a bar in a pub	entrepreneur	using your hands
butcher	a person who sells meat	manual	having a high position in a company or organization
handyman	a man who is good at doing practical jobs inside or outside the house, as a hobby or as a job	senior	a job, especially an important one
tough	strong enough to deal with difficult conditions or situations	post formal	SYN position
bodyguard	a person whose job is to protect sb	vacant	(of a job in a company) available for sb to take vacancy n
civil servant	a person who works for the civil service , which is all the government departments	accountant	a person whose job is to manage or examine the financial accounts of a company. Accountancy is the name of the profession.
jeweller	a person whose job is to buy, sell, make or repair jewellery such as necklaces and watches	lucrative formal	allowing sb to earn a lot of money
librarian	a person who works in or is in charge of a library	status	the social or professional position of sb/sth in relation to others: low/high status

1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D. Use the to help you.

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|---|---|
| 1 butcher <u>ply</u> mber | 6 status <u>cas</u> ual |
| 2 <u>plum</u> ber librari <u>a</u> n | 7 librari <u>a</u> n appren <u>t</u> ice |
| 3 <u>car</u> penter <u>bar</u> man | 8 <u>vac</u> ant <u>man</u> ual |
| 4 <u>bar</u> man <u>handy</u> man | 9 <u>lucr</u> ative <u>acc</u> ountant |
| 5 appren <u>t</u> ice <u>serv</u> ant | 10 appren <u>t</u> ice <u>ent</u> repreneur |

2 Mark the main stress on these words.

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| apprentice | handyman | executive | entrepreneur |
| lucrative | librarian | electrician | nowadays |
| civil servant | vacancy | bodyguard | self-employed |

3 What's my job?

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| 1 I sell rings and necklaces. | 7 I make things with wood. |
| 2 I do lots of different small jobs. | 8 I fix sinks and toilets. |
| 3 I work for a government department. | 9 I lend books. |
| 4 I serve drinks in a pub. | 10 I sell meat. |
| 5 I'm training to be a plumber. | 11 I look after the financial side of the business. |
| 6 I protect famous people. | 12 I do just about everything in the home. |

4 Which of these jobs are quite well-paid?

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| 1 apprentice | 4 civil servant | 7 accountant |
| 2 electrician | 5 housewife | 8 manual worker |
| 3 barman/barmaid | 6 casual work | 9 librarian |

5 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- The health service is always more nurses; they are in such short supply.
- They're not looking for junior staff; they want staff.
- You can earn a lot of money as an entrepreneur. It can be very
- In the past there were many opportunities, but it's more difficult to find a job.
- I've always enjoyed work. That's why I became a carpenter.
- Max used to work for a company, but he's been self-..... now for five years.
- If you're looking for work, try the post office: they've got lots of
- My dad has just become the new chief of a big advertising company.
- You have to be if you want to join the armed forces as a marine.
- There's no to work for that company because the pay and conditions are so bad.
- The chief executive had been in the for nearly ten years, but when he retired and the job became, it was offered to a much younger man.
- Though I've worked in different government departments, I've spent my whole career in the

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- Do you have experience of any of the jobs in this unit?
- Are you attracted to any of them?
- Would you prefer to be self-employed?
- Do you think you need incentives to work hard?
- Are you good at manual work?
- If you were looking for casual work in the evenings, would you be happy to be a barman/barmaid?
- Do you think apprenticeships are a good idea?
- Would you be happy as a housewife or househusband?
- Would it matter to you if your job had low status?



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