

3 Work

VOCABULARY

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Jobs • work and job • prepositions

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Match the jobs with the descriptions.

gardener journalist lawyer mechanic
nurse plumber receptionist
shop assistant waiter

This person ...

- writes for a newspaper. journalist
- 1 fixes cars. _____
- 2 welcomes people to an office or a hotel and answers the telephone. _____
- 3 works with patients and people who are ill. _____
- 4 helps people with legal problems and sometimes works in a court. _____
- 5 fixes problems with water pipes. _____
- 6 works with plants, e.g. trees, flowers and lawns. _____
- 7 helps you buy things. _____
- 8 brings you food in a restaurant. _____

WORD STORE 3A | Jobs

2 Use the correct form of the words in brackets and write the names of the jobs.

Javed: What does your dad do?

Linda: He's an engineer (ENGINE).

- 1 Dad: So, Tom, what career are you interested in?
Tom: Well, actually, I want to be a _____ (BUILD).
- 2 Amy: My aunt and uncle live in the countryside.
Sally: Do they have animals? Like cows or sheep?
Amy: Yes, they're _____ (FARM).
- 3 Pam: Is it easy to become a _____ (TEACH)?
Jo: Well, there's a lot to learn. Not everyone can do it.
- 4 Sue: You've got a lovely voice. Why don't you join the drama club?
Dan: No way. I'd hate to be an _____ (ACT).
- 5 Phil: You're really good at drawing.
Cath: Thanks. I'd love to be an _____ (ART) in Paris or Florence.
- 6 Tim: My ambition is to become a _____ (SCIENCE).
Mum: Well, if you work hard, you could be a really good biologist.
- 7 Amy: Why do you want to be an _____ ? (COUNT)
Sam: I like working with details.

3 Complete the names of jobs. The last letters or endings are given.

I travel in space.

astronaut

1 I've got a class of primary school pupils.

_____er

2 I design new buildings.

_____ect

3 I stand in a big, noisy building all day and help to make cars.

_____er

4 I take people to the railway station, the cinema, the theatre and to many other places in my car.

_____er

5 I work with animals. I try to make them well when they are ill.

_____t

6 I think my job is very important. People come to me when they have problems with their teeth.

_____ist

7 I fight for my country when there are wars.

_____ier

WORD STORE 3B | work and job

4 Complete the dialogue with job or work in each gap.



Woman: Can I help you?

Man: Yes, I'm looking for a job.

Woman: Do you want a part-time ¹ _____ or do you want to ² _____ full time?

Man: I want a full-time ³ _____. I don't want to ⁴ _____ part time.

Woman: Can you ⁵ _____ at night?

Man: I don't mind when I ⁶ _____ but I'd like a well-paid ⁷ _____. I can ⁸ _____ long hours and I always ⁹ _____ hard. I don't want to ¹⁰ _____ only eight hours a day – I can stay at work for twelve hours or more!

Woman: Well, we need factory workers. We pay £10 an hour.

Man: Have you got anything else? That's quite a boring ¹¹ _____ and quite a badly-paid ¹² _____ too. I'm hoping for £15 an hour or more.

WORD STORE 3C | Prepositions

5 Complete the text with the words from the box. There are three extra words.

(at for from in (x2) on own to with)

HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE SEE THEIR FUTURE?

Here are some of your responses.

I don't know what I want to do when I finish my education. My parents work for large companies but I don't think I'd like that. I'd like to work ¹ _____ home and be free to go shopping or sleep when I want. I definitely don't want to be a teacher. I couldn't work ² _____ a school ³ _____ children. I don't think I'd be very good at working ⁴ _____ a team, either. I like to decide what to do and when to do it. Yes, I believe it's a good idea for me to work alone, without any people around me. I could work ⁵ _____ projects – at my own desk with my own computer. Yes, I would really like to stay at home.

Katy, 17

REMEMBER THIS

Some job names can have a different meaning in other languages even if they look similar.

Manager – someone whose job is to organise and control the work of a business/organisation or a part of it, e.g. *sales manager, personnel manager*.

Chief – someone who is the highest in authority, position or rank in a business/organisation, e.g. *a police chief, an army chief*.

Boss – the person who is in charge of you at work.

Chef – someone who organises cooking food in a restaurant/hotel.

6 Read REMEMBER THIS. Choose the correct option.

- 1 My *chief* / *boss* gets very angry when I'm late for work.
- 2 He's the finance *boss* / *manager* of a small company.
- 3 I'd like to be a *chef* / *chief* in a Greek restaurant.
- 4 Police *chiefs* / *chefs* from different countries often meet to discuss new ideas.

REMEMBER BETTER

If you do not remember the exact word to describe somebody's profession or job, describe what a given person does.

She works in a garden. (She is a gardener.)

He works with engines. (He's an engineer.)

Complete the mini-conversations with one word in each gap. The first letters are given.

Guido: Emily is ... I don't remember the word.

She works in an office and she ¹ c _____ money.

Paola: You mean an accountant.

Guido: That's it. Thanks!

Kazuo: Brian works in a hotel, in ² r _____, you know, where people go when they first arrive.

Aiko: So, he's a receptionist.

Kazuo: Yes.

Diego: My sister works in a restaurant.

Manuel: Does she cook?

Diego: No, she serves customers. She's like a ³ w _____ but there's a different word when it's a female.

Manuel: A waitress. You know the word princess – that can help you remember waitress.

Diego: Good idea!

Defne: I want to work in the theatre. I want to ⁴ a _____.

Yusuf: You want to be an actress.

Defne: An actress, yes.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

7 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I work *from* / *on* / *in* home, so I don't need to dress smartly.
- 2 My mum works *with* / *on* / *in* a supermarket but not *on* a checkout.
- 3 Kate is an actor / *acting* / *actress*. Her dream is to go to Hollywood.
- 4 I love working *with* / *for* / *from* animals. That's why I work at our local zoo.
- 5 I don't want a badly- *pay* / *money* / *paid* job. I want to be rich!
- 6 Do you always work *long* / *hard* / *team*?
- 7 My dad is a *lawyer* / *plumber* / *mechanic*. People often phone up in the middle of the night because there is water on their kitchen floor.
- 8 I work eight hours *in* / *the* / *a* day. I start at 7 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m.
- 9 Do you want a full-time or *part-* / *short* / *half-* time job?
- 10 I don't want to work outside, so I don't want to be an *accountant* / *a gardener* / *a secretary*.

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