

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

* 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.

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 lecturer | ☒ | a a gun |
| 2 plumber | ☐ | b wood |
| 3 accountant | ☐ | c books |
| 4 builder | ☐ | d pipes |
| 5 soldier | ☐ | e bricks |
| 6 carpenter | ☐ | 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.

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| 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?