



READING COMPREHENSION - UNIT 02 / JOBS AND OCCUPATIONS

There is a countless number of jobs that people do **in order to** make a living in this world. Still, not all jobs are meant to be equal.

To start with, on top of the social pyramid lie the most glamorous jobs **such as** the job of the pilot, the doctor, the lawyer, and probably the job of the teacher as well. These are the jobs that all parents wish for their children to have when they grow up. They are highly demanded because they offer high income for less effort with a lot of prestige and social glamour. In addition to that, they are highly secure with government contracts, a good salary on a monthly basis as well as many privileges and benefits. However, because the demand is high, getting one of those glamorous jobs is really hard and difficult.

Other than that, craftsmen make a good living, too. Because everyone needs craftsmen, their jobs are considered even more important than the rest. If someone wants to build a new house, he needs builders for construction, plumbers to install water and gas pipes, an electrician to install electrical wires **as** he needs a carpenter to make wood furniture. Also, in our day-to-day life, we need a tailor to alter clothes based on our needs and everyone needs a hairdresser to get a haircut at least once or twice a month.

Speaking of importance, shopkeepers are not any less important. On a daily basis, we shop for groceries from the grocer, we get fruits and vegetables from the greengrocer. Also, once in a while, we pay a visit to the boutique in order to get new clothes for us and for our families.

To conclude, all previous categories are important **as long as** they serve the three main purposes of a job, that is, to make a living, minimize unemployment and provide good value to the society and to the marketplace.

HOME PRACTICE

Task: Read the text and answer the following questions.

- **Q01:** What do parents want their children to be when they grow up? And why?
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- **Q02:** Is the job of the craftsman important? →
- **Q03:** What does a plumber do?
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- **Q04:** What does a builder do?
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- **Q05:** What do we need the carpenter for?
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- **Q06:** How often do we need the hairdresser?
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- **Q07:** Where do we buy clothes from?
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- **Q08:** List 7 jobs and occupations that are not mentioned in the text.