

JOBs AND OCCUPATIONS / CRAFTS (CONVERSATION WITH “MOUnIR”)

Me: Good morning, Mounir. How are you?

Mounir: Good morning, Mr Baba. I am fine.
Thank you. And you?

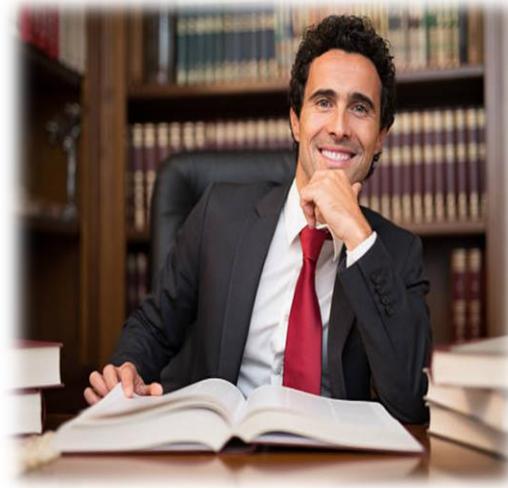
Me: I am fine, too. Thanks.

Me: So, Mounir ... I have a **daring** question for you today if you don't mind, please?

Mounir: Yes! Go ahead. I know the purpose of these discussions is always to help your students, so go ahead and ask whatever you want.

Me: Thank you. So we know that you are a **lawyer**. Do you think your job is **more** important than the job of a **craftsman** in the society?

Mounir: No, I don't think so! I am a **lawyer**. But I think the job of a **plumber** (for example) is **more** important.



Me: Really!!? I didn't expect that!! And why is that?

Mounir: People can live without a lawyer but they can't live without a plumber. Everyone needs a plumber to fix and install pipes at home but very few people need a lawyer. Doesn't that give the plumber more importance!!?

Me: Yeah! You've made a good point. And does that apply to all craftsmen or only the plumber according to you?

Mounir: It applies to almost every craft job I can think of!! We also need the carpenter to make us wood furniture, we need the electrician to maintain and install electrical wires ... as we also need the baker for bread, cakes and pastries.

Me: Ok! It's clear that the role of a craftsman is more important than the role of a lawyer (in your opinion of course). Ok! Let's talk about the income. Do you think a craftsman makes more than a lawyer??!

Mounir: No, I don't think so. The lawyer makes more than 150.000DA a month while the craftsman usually makes less than that.

Mounir: ... Also, the lawyer works less and doesn't get tired at work. However, craft jobs are hard and very tiring.

Me: Absolutely. So we may conclude that the job of the craftsman is hard and tiring but it is very important. It's even more important the job of the lawyer.

Thank you so much, Mounir. It was pleasure talking to you today.

Mounir: The pleasure is all mine, Mr Baba. Thank you.

PART II: HOME PRACTICE

Tasks: Re-read / re-listen to the conversation and answer the following questions.

Q01: What does Mounir do for a living?



Q02: Is his job glamorous? (in your opinion)



Q03: According to Mounir ... is his job more important than the craft jobs? And why?



Q04: According to Mounir ... why the job of the plumber is important? (What does the plumber do?)



Q05: According to him ... why the job of the carpenter is important? (What does the carpenter do?)



Q06: Who makes more money: Mounir or the craftsmen?



Q07: What is his income?

