



## 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?

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

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

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

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

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

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Q07: What is his income?

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