VOCABULARY

A lot of work!

LEVEL
Elementary (A2)

NUMBER
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LANGUAGE
English

Learning outcomes

- I can name different jobs.

- I can describe what different jobs involve.

Warm-up

Complete this **in breakout rooms** or as a class.

What did you want to be when you were a child?

Now that you are older, what do you think about it?

nurse

Nurses help doctors take care of patients.

Jobs

dentist

chemist

receptionist

Dentists help keep our teeth clean and healthy.

Chemists help us get our medications.

Receptionists greet us when we enter an office.

> **I have to get to the chemist's before it closes.**

Have you ever heard a native speaker add an **apostrophe +s**, like in the example?

This is a **possessive 's** and it is short for the **chemist's** shop. Another example is _the butcher's_.

police officer

Police officers help keep us safe.

Medical treatment

The **nurse** checked my vital signs at the doctor's surgery.

The doctor prescribed medication and I picked it up at the **pharmacy**.

What do these people do?

The **nurse** helps care for me when I am sick.

The **chemist** gives me medication to help me feel better.

The **dentist** fixes a cavity in my tooth.

The **police officer** writes a ticket when someone breaks a law.

Match the pictures to the sentences

Name the jobs that are described in the sentences.

1 The _____ works at a pharmacy.   _____

2 The _____ greets people as they arrive.   _____

3 The _____ works at a clinic or hospital.   _____

4 The _____ works at a dental clinic.   _____

a

b

c

d

Fill in the gaps

1 The police officer _____ people on the street.

   a. takes   **b. protects**   **c. fixes**   **d. gives**

2 The nurse _____ care of patients with the doctor.

   a. takes   **b. protects**   **c. fixes**   **d. gives**

3 The dentist _____ cavities in our teeth.

   a. takes   **b. protects**   **c. fixes**   **d. gives**

4 The chemist _____ us our medication.

   a. takes   **b. protects**   **c. fixes**   **d. gives**

Jobs

journalist

A **journalist** writes for a newspaper, magazine, or television.

photographer

A **photographer** takes pictures with a camera.

Jobs

painter

singer

chef

A **painter** paints pictures with paintbrushes on canvas.

Singers entertain us with beautiful music.

A **chef** cooks delicious food in a restaurant.

Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences with the correct job. You can use a word more than once.

1 A _____ interviews a businessman and a _____ takes his picture.

2 It is nice to thank the _____ after you eat a delicious meal.

3 As a _____, I tell stories by writing words.

4 As a _____, I share stories by singing songs.

5 _____ and _____ show stories with pictures and colours.

journalist
photographer
singer
painter
chef

Match the job descriptions to the pictures

Name the jobs that are described in the sentences.

1

2

3

4

a I work in a studio where I keep my paints and brushes.

b I record my songs in a studio.

c I often work outside because there is good light.

d I work in the kitchen at a fancy restaurant.

Who is in the picture?

A

D

journalist   painter   photographer   chef

Talking about jobs

Do you know anyone who does one of the jobs you learned in the lesson so far?

Do they like their work?

Jobs

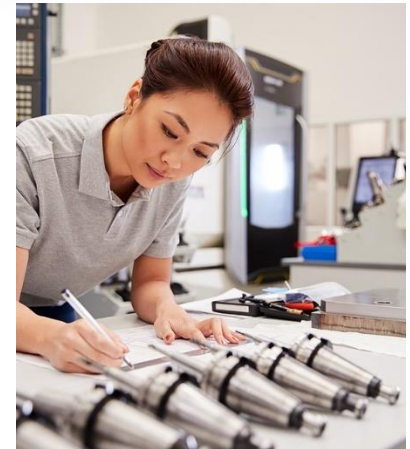| driver	pilot	mechanic	engineer

Drivers can drive a bus or a taxi.

Pilots fly aeroplanes.

Mechanics fix engines in aeroplanes and cars.

Engineers make plans so that everything works correctly.

Jobs

waiter / waitress	computer technician	website developer

Waiters or **waitresses** bring us our food in restaurants.

Computer technicians repair and maintain computer systems.

A **website developer** programs websites or other internet applications.

Working online

The **computer technician** is fixing my laptop.

I want to start an online blog. I will ask a **website developer** to help me.

They keep us moving

Match the sentence parts.

1 Engineers plan...

2 Drivers take...

3 Pilots take...

4 Mechanics fix...

5 Computer technicians help...

a ...people all around the city.

b ...people all around the world.

c ...us to work by fixing our laptops and computers.

d ...the streets and buildings in a city.
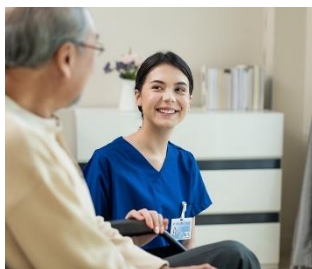
e ...your car when it breaks down.

Describing different jobs

Describe the work that each of these people do...

1

nurse

2

mechanic

3

police officer

4

painter

5

journalist

Talking about jobs

Do you have one of these jobs?	dentist — chemist — nurse
What is your job?	computer technician — photographer — website developer
Do you know anybody who has one of these jobs?	mechanic — engineer — waiter

How do you work?

Do you work a lot with computers?

Do you work in an office?

What's your favourite part of your job?

Let's reflect!

- Can you name different professions?

- Can you describe what different professions do?

Your teacher will now make one suggestion for improvement for each student.

End of the lesson

Idiom

nine-to-five

Meaning: a working day that starts at 9am and finishes at 5pm.

Example: I would prefer to work a regular nine-to-five than a night shift.

Additional practice

Match the description to the job

1 I write tickets when someone breaks the law.

a police officer

2 My mother helps doctors take care of patients.

b dentist

3 He works at a doctor's office. He takes calls and greets patients when they first arrive.
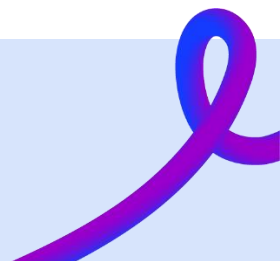
c chemist

4 When someone has a toothache, they come to me.

d receptionist

5 They give out the medication that doctors prescribe.

e nurse

Complete the sentences

Say what these people do. You can include more than one thing for each job.

1 A photographer... **>** takes pictures of people and things with a camera. They work in a studio.
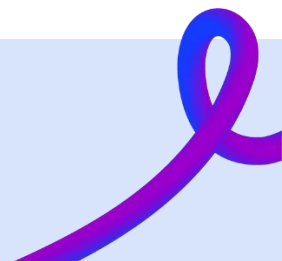
2 A painter... **>**

3 A journalist... **>**

4 A chef... **>**

5 A singer... **>**

6 A painter... **>**

A day in the life

Complete the writing activity. **Share** your text with the class.

Write about your **working day**.

What time do you go to the office?
What tasks do you do in the morning?
Do you have lots of meetings?
When do you go home?

Answer key

P. 10: 1. c, chemist 2. d, receptionist 3. a, nurse 4. b, dentist
P. 11: 1. b 2. a 3. c 4. d
P. 14: 1. journalist; photographer 2. chef 3. journalist 4. singer 5. painters and photographers
P. 15: 1. b, 2. d, 3, a, 4. c
P. 16: A. photographer B. journalist
P. 21: 1. d 2. a 3. b 4. e 5. c
P. 28: 1. a 2. e 3. d 4. b 5. c

Summary

Vocabulary for professions:
- *nurse; dentist; chemist; receptionist; police officer*
- *journalist; photographer; painter; singer; chef*
- ***Police officers** help keep us safe.*

Vocabulary for professions:
- *driver; pilot; mechanic; engineer; waiter/waitress;*
- *computer technician; website developer*
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Notes