

## Before names of professions

When sentences such as the following are used to name a profession practiced by two or more people, the name of the profession is in the plural and is not preceded by a determiner (the / this):

They are doctors.

My friends are electricians.

We were chefs.

The indefinite article (a / an) is usually used with singular countable nouns indicating profession, membership, nationality, religion:

She's a teacher.

He's a Catholic.

It is NOT used with names of offices which can be held only by one person:

Last year his wife became President of the college. Titles are usually capitalized.

Last year his wife became a vice-president of the college. There is more than one vice-president.