

WORK/JOBS

Main theme addressed	In this lesson, you will learn about the expressions for different jobs
Key Goals	<p>Here is an outline of what you will learn expressions for some:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jobs at the office 2. Jobs in sales 3. Jobs in medicine 4. Jobs in education 5. Jobs in science 6. Jobs in art 7. Jobs in construction, repair, maintenance 8. Jobs in connection to transport 9. Jobs in connection to law / legislation 10. Jobs in connection to gastronomy and tourism 11. Other common jobs

1. Jobs at the office

JOB	DEFINITION
a secretary	A person who writes letters, e-mails, schedules appointments, usually for her/his manager/director.
a receptionist	A person who greets people who have appointments at the office, answer the phones and similar.
a director	A person who is in charge of something, usually of a company, organization and similar.
an assistant	A person who helps at particular work, usually to somebody superior to him / her.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. My sister has to write a lot of e-mails at her job – she is a _____.
2. He is the _____ of the company and 200 people work for him.

Answers:

1. secretary
2. director

2. Jobs in sales

JOB	DEFINITION
a salesperson	A person who sells things and assist customer in a shop.
a salesman	A male person who sells things and assist customer in a shop.
a saleswoman	A female person who sells things and assist customer in a shop.
a cashier	A person who handles payments and receipts in a shop, bank, or business
a greengrocer	A person who sells vegetables and fruit.
a butcher	A person who sells meat products.
a baker	A person who bakes and sells bread and pastry.
a florist	A person who sells flowers and makes flower arrangements.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. I stopped at the _____ to buy some sausages.
2. The _____ at the shop was very kind – she helped me out with the dress I wanted to buy.
3. The _____ in our street makes the most beautiful bouquets from red roses.
4. I always buy warm bread from the _____ down the street.

Answers:

1. butcher
2. saleswoman
3. florist
4. baker

3. Jobs in medicine

JOB	DEFINITION
a doctor	A person who treats people when they are ill.
a cardiologist	A doctor who specializes in treatment of heart diseases.
a surgeon	A doctor who performs medical operations.
a paediatrician	A doctor who is specialized in treatment of ill children.
a psychiatrist	A medical practitioner specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness.
a dentist	A person who is qualified to treat diseases and other conditions that affect the teeth and gums.
a pharmacist	A person who is qualified to prepare and dispense medicinal drugs.
a vet	A person who treats ill animals.
a nurse	A person who gives medical and other attention to an ill person and assists doctors.
a paramedic	A person trained to give emergency medical care to people.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. A had a terrible toothache, so I called my _____.
2. Our dog really loves his _____ - it is as if he knows that he will help him.
3. The _____ who operated on me was a real professional.
4. When the _____ came, he offered the man first aid.

Answers:

1. dentist
2. vet
3. surgeon
4. paramedic

4. Jobs in education

JOB	DEFINITION
a principal	A person who is in charge of a school.
a dean	A person who is the head of a university faculty.
a teacher	A person who teaches, usually at a school.
a university teacher	A person who gives lectures at the university.
a tutor	A private teacher, usually someone who teaches a single pupil or a very small group.
a mentor	A person who gives a younger or less experienced person help and advice.

a counsellor	A person who offers guidance on personal or psychological problems to students.
a mathematics teacher	A teacher who teaches Maths.
an English teacher	A teacher who teaches English.
a history teacher	A teacher who teaches History.
a music teacher	A teacher who teaches music.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. He had some troubles at school, so he had to visit the school _____.
2. The _____ of our school is very popular with all his teachers – he is a very good boss.
3. Our _____ was telling us about the First World War at class today.

Answers:

1. counsellor
2. principal
3. history teacher

5. Jobs in art

JOB	DEFINITION
an artist	A person who creates paintings or drawings or some other type of art as a profession or hobby.
a painter	A person who creates paintings.
a sculptor	A person who creates sculptures.
an architect	A person who designs buildings.
a composer	A person who writes music pieces.
a musician	A person who plays a musical instrument.
a singer	A person who sings for a hobby or his / her profession.
a film director	A person who controls the making of a film and supervises the actors and technical crew.
an actor	A male person who performs in movies, theatre plays...
an actress	A female person who performs in movies, theatre plays...
a writer	A person who writes novels, short stories, books...
a poet	A person who writes poems.
a photographer	A person who takes photos for a hobby or his profession.
a painter	A person who paints pieces of art, usually paintings.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. Picasso was a great _____.
2. Frank Sinatra was a very famous _____ with a beautiful voice.
3. The _____ who won an Oscar for her performance in a movie was Jodie Foster.
4. He is a _____, he plays drums.

Answers:

1. painter
2. singer
3. actress
4. musician

6. Jobs in construction, repair, maintenance

JOB	DEFINITION
a construction worker	A person who carries out many basic tasks that require physical labour on construction sites.
an engineer	A person who designs, builds, or maintains engines, machines, or structures.
a mechanic	A person who repairs cars and other types of machinery.

an electrician	A person who installs and maintains electrical equipment.
a carpenter	A person who makes and repairs wooden objects.
a plumber	A person who fits and repairs the pipes, fittings and other devices in connection with the plumbing.
a housekeeper	A person who cleans and other domestic tasks in a hotel or institution.
a janitor	A person who takes care of a building.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. Our _____ has made these beautiful wooden chairs.
2. When we came home our entire house was full of water, so we had to call the _____.
3. All of our wires were cut in the storm and our _____ had a lot of work.
4. Our house is a mess because our _____ is ill this week.

Answers:

1. carpenter
2. plumber
3. electrician
4. housekeeper

7. Jobs in connection to transport

JOB	DEFINITION
a pilot	A person who flies a plane.
a flight attendant	A steward or stewardess on an aircraft.
a driver	A person who drives a car for a living.
a taxi driver	A person who drives other people with a taxi.
a bus driver	A person who drives a bus for a living.
a truck driver	A person who drives a truck for a living.
a captain	A person who is in command of a ship.
a sailor	A person who works as a member of the crew of a commercial or naval ship.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

- The _____ flying the plane tried to prevent the plane crash.
- He works as a _____ on a big ship.
- The _____ of our school bus is a very kind person.
- The _____ was bringing us drinks throughout the flight.

Answers:

1. pilot
2. sailor
3. bus driver
4. flight attendant

8. Jobs in connection to law / legislation

JOB	DEFINITION
a judge	A public officer who decides cases in a law court.
a lawyer	A person who represents clients in a court of law or advises clients' legal matters.
a police officer	A male or female member of the police force.
a detective	A person who investigates and solves crimes.
a bodyguard	A person who escorts and protects an important or famous person.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. The _____ ruled that the man should spend 10 years in prison.
2. He is a very famous person and he needs a _____ for his protection.
3. He couldn't afford a _____ to defend him so he represented himself at court.

Answers:

1. judge
2. bodyguard
3. lawyer

9. Jobs in connection to gastronomy and tourism

JOB	DEFINITION
a chef / a cook	A person who cooks for a living, usually at a restaurant or at a hotel.
a waiter	A male person who serves food and drinks, usually at a restaurant or a hotel.
a waitress	A female person who serves food and drinks, usually at a restaurant or a hotel.
a dishwasher	A person who washes dishes for a living, usually in a kitchen of a restaurant or a hotel.
a receptionist	A person who receives guests and deals with their bookings at the hotel.
a cleaning lady	A person who cleans the rooms and other premises at the hotel.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. The _____ of this restaurant cooks the most delicious food I have ever tasted.
2. The _____ at the bar was impolite – he did not even want to bring clean plates for us.
3. She works as a _____ at the nearby restaurant, that is why her hands are all dry from the water.

Answers:

1. chef
2. waiter
3. dishwasher

10. Other common jobs

JOB	DEFINITION
a firefighter	A person who puts out fire for a living.
a postman	A person who delivers mail to people's homes and work.
a travel agent	A person who advises and organises holidays for people.
a model	A person employed to display fashionable clothes by wearing them.
a politician	A person who is professionally involved in politics.
a translator	A person who translates from one language to another.
a librarian	A person who works at a library.
a farmer	A person who owns or works on a farm, with animals or land.
a fisherman	A person who catches and sells fish for a living.
a hairdresser	A person who cuts and shapes hair for a living.

Exercise:

Choose the correct job from the chart above to fill in the sentence.

1. The _____ was putting German sentences into English ones.
2. The _____ helped me find the book I was looking for.
3. My _____ knows exactly how to cut my hair.
4. Our _____ mixed up our mail today.

Answers:

1. translator
2. librarian
3. hairdresser
4. postman

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