



Jobs



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INTERMEDIATE

1 Classify the jobs

Study the following definitions and then classify the jobs below as 'white-collar jobs' or 'blue-collar jobs'.

a blue-collar worker: somebody who does physical, unskilled work, for example in a factory or on a building site

a white-collar worker: somebody who does "mental" work, for example in an office, rather than physical work

a banker
a computer programmer
a sales representative
a university lecturer

a bricklayer
a lumberjack
a secretary
an accountant

a builder
a sailor
a tailor
an electrician

Blue-collar: _____

White-collar: _____

2 Male-female job titles

Give the female job titles of the jobs below.

1. a barman - _____
2. a waiter - _____
3. an air steward - _____
4. a policeman - _____
5. an actor - _____

3 Talking point

Which jobs do you think are more suitable for men? Which are more suitable for women? Do you know any women who do so-called 'men's jobs'?



4 I need a plumber

Complete the sentences below with the following jobs.

chef	flight attendant	manager	nurse	plumber
porter	private detective	psychologist	surgeon	vet

- Janet has been extremely depressed lately. I think she needs to see a _____ .
- My dog has been coughing a lot. I must take him to the _____ .
- Laura loves taking care of other people. I think she'll be a _____ when she grows up.
- One of the pipes in my bathroom has burst, and there's water all over the place! I need to call a _____ .
- Alan was very suspicious of his wife, so he hired a _____ to find out if she had been seeing another man.
- The _____ told me that I needed at least one month to recover from the knee operation.
- Leave your bags here. The _____ will take them to your room.
- Alison loves travelling, so she decided to become a _____ .
- Can I speak to the _____ , please? I would like to complain about the customer service here.
- The food at this restaurant is excellent. Compliments to the _____ !

5 UK/US English

Match the following British English job titles on the left to their equivalent US titles on the right:

UK

- a shop assistant
- a postman
- a dustman
- a headmaster
- a childminder
- a chemist
- a barman

US

- a babysitter
- a bartender
- a garbageman
- a mailman
- a pharmacist
- a principle
- a sales clerk

6 Discuss the jobs

Which of the jobs below is the most dangerous? the most interesting? the most boring? the best-paid? the worst-paid? Discuss your choice with your partner.

a barman
a doctor

a chambermaid
a fireman

a company director
a pilot



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Blue-collar: a tailor, a builder, an electrician, a sailor, a bricklayer, a lumberjack

White-collar: a computer programmer, a sales representative, a university lecturer, a secretary, a banker, an accountant

2 Male-female job titles

1. a barmaid
2. a waitress
3. an air hostess
4. a policewoman
5. an actress

3 Talking point

Try to encourage a brief discussion on gender stereotypes.

4 I need a plumber

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| 1. psychologist | 2. vet | 3. nurse | 4. plumber | 5. private detective |
| 6. surgeon | 7. porter | 8. flight attendant | 9. manager | 10. chef |

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