

## People and Society Vocabulary Guessing Game and Discussion

Choose one of the people below and explain who you are thinking of until your partner guesses correctly. Things you could mention:

- Ages
- Appearance, e.g. clothes
- Cultural differences
- Dangers
- Equipment
- Gender
- Good and bad aspects of having this role
- Impact on society
- Importance for society
- Job conditions, e.g. salary and job security
- Kinds of people who are suited to this
- Kinds of people who usually do this
- Personality
- Place of work
- Social class
- Status
- Stress levels
- Training/ Qualifications/ Skills
- What others think about this job
- Working hours
- Your experience
- Your opinions, e.g. if you'd like to do this or not and why

(Traditional) craftsman	Accountant
Actor	Artist, e.g. painter or sculptor
Athlete (= Sportsman)	Au pair/ Nanny/ Babysitter
Baker/ Pastry chef	Bank clerk
Banker	Barber/ Hairdresser/ Stylist
Bellhop/ Bellboy/ Porter	Broker/ Trader
Bus driver	Businessman/ Entrepreneur
Busker/ Street performer	Cameraman
Car park attendant/ Valet	Care worker
Carpenter	Cleaner
Consultant	Cook/ Chef
Counsellor/ Therapist	Cycle courier/ Motorcycle courier
Debt collector	Designer
Door man/ Concierge	Door to door salesman
Editor/ Sub-editor	Engineer
Estate agent (= Real estate agent)	Executive (= Director = Top manager)
Factory worker	Farmer
Fire fighter (= fireman)	Fisherman
Flight attendant/ Cabin crew (= Air stewardess/ Air hostess)	

GP (= General practitioner = Local doctor)	
Handyman/ Janitor (= Caretaker)	Help desk staff/ Call centre staff
Homemaker (= Housewife)	Immigration officer
Judge	Lecturer/ Professor
Local bobby (= Local PC = Local police officer/ policeman)	
Local politician, e.g. town councillor or mayor	
Lorry driver (= Truck driver)	Masseur
Member of the royal family	Middle manager
Monk/ Nun	Musician
National politician, e.g. MP or senator	
Newsreader	Novelist
Clerk/ Office worker	Pet stylist
Photographer	Playwright/ Screenwriter
Plumber	Postal worker (= Postman = Mailman)
Priest	Prime Minister/ President
PI (= Private investigator = Private detective)	
Private tutor	Psychiatrist/ Psychologist
Public servant (= Civil servant, e.g. taxman, diplomat or ambassador)	
Receptionist	Researcher
Sales executive (= Salesman)	PA (= personal assistant)/ Secretary
Security guard/ Bouncer	Servant, e.g. maid or butler
Shop assistant/ Cashier	Social worker
Soldier	Attorney/ Lawyer/ Solicitor/ Barrister
Spy/ Secret agent	Street cleaner
Street trader	Stripper
Surgeon	Tailor
Taxi driver	Teacher
Mechanic/ Repairman/ Service engineer/ Technician	
Telesales staff	Television presenter/ Television celebrity
Tour guide	Traffic warden
Translator/ Interpreter	Travel agent
Vet (= Veterinarian)	

*What are the differences between the following words and expressions?*

- Accountant and accounts clerk
- Announcer and television presenter
- Au pair, babysitter and nanny
- Bank clerk, bank employee and banker
- Businessman and office worker
- Busker and street performer
- Chef and cook
- Engineer and technician
- Executive and sales executive
- Lecturer and professor
- Manager and executive/ top manager/ director
- PA and secretary

Choose a category from below and find at least five words from above that you both think that is true for, putting them in order if you can.

- Becoming more/ less important
- Companies should/ shouldn't be allowed to outsource this job overseas
- Don't usually do their job properly
- Foreigners should/ shouldn't be allowed to get a visa to do this job in Japan
- Gets money from the government and shouldn't
- High/ Low standards in Japan
- Paid too little/ too much
- Should be fewer/ more
- Should be more open to women
- Should be supported or encouraged by the government
- Should get money or more money from the government
- Shouldn't be allowed
- Standard of service getting better/ worse
- Unfairly popular/ Unfairly get good publicity
- Unfairly unpopular/ Unfairly get bad publicity
- We could live without
- We couldn't live without
- Will become less common/ disappear
- Will become more common
- Would/ Wouldn't want my children to become

Can you remember what the more politically correct versions of these positions are?

Actress

Air hostess/ Air stewardess

Bellboy

Fireman

Housewife

Policeman

Postman/ Mailman

Repairman

Salesman

Sportsman

These expressions are still quite common. Can you think of a more PC version of each one?

Businessman

Cameraman

Door man

Fisherman

Handyman