



Lesson 05: Jobs (Occupations)

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

job	(N.)	a paid position of regular employment.	He is busy loafing on the job.
what do you do?	(PHRASE)	used to ask someone about their job.	What do you do for a living?
occupation	(N.)	a job.	Doctor can be a very tiring occupation .
office worker	(N.)	a person who works in an office.	He is an office worker .
commute	(V.)	to travel between work and home.	She commutes to work via subway.

Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Bob and May are talking about their jobs.



May

Bob, what do you do?



Bob

I'm an office worker at an information technology company.



May

I see. Do you like your job?





Bob

Yes, I like it. But it takes an hour and a half to commute.



May

Wow, that's a long time. I can't imagine doing that.

Check your understanding:

- Does Bob like his job?
- What does Bob do?
- How long does it take Bob to commute?

Exercise 03

Discussion

- 1) What do you do?
- 2) How long does it take you to commute to work?
- 3) What do you like about your job?
- 4) When you were a kid, what did you want to be?

Exercise 04

Helpful Vocabulary

part-time worker	(N.) someone who works less than full-time hours; typically less than 30 hours per week	The company plans to hire more than 500 part-time workers in the next year.
clerk	(N.) a worker who performs sales related tasks in a retail environment	I work as a store clerk .
programmer	(N.) someone who writes computer programs	She is a very experienced programmer .
manager	(N.) a person who guides/controls a team of people in their work	Everybody in the office likes the new manager .
shop assistant	(N.) a person who works in a shop serving customers	They didn't have shoes in my size, but the shop assistant promised to order me a pair.
writer	(N.) a person who writes books, articles, stories, etc.	He reading a book of my favorite writers .



teacher	(N.)	someone who teaches, particularly in a school.	I am a teacher .
journalist	(N.)	someone who collects, writes, or distributes news or information about current events	He works as a journalist for the local newspaper.
accountant	(N.)	a person whose job is to maintain financial accounts	He might need an accountant to do his taxes.
architect	(N.)	a person whose job involves designing structures/buildings	He's worked as an architect for fifteen years.
photographer	(N.)	a person who takes photographs	He works as a professional photographer .
doctor	(N.)	a person who has received professional training to treat injured or sick people	Have you seen a doctor yet?
pharmacist	(N.)	a person who is professionally trained to dispense drugs	The pharmacist gave me some important information about each medication.
nurse	(N.)	a person who is professionally trained to care for patients in a hospital	A nurse will see you soon.
childcare worker	(N.)	someone who looks after children when their caregivers are unavailable	One day she would like to become a childcare worker or a nurse
temporary worker	(N.)	someone who works for a company for a short period of time; typically organized by a work agency	Demand for temporary workers in the United States is expected to increase this year.
salesperson	(N.)	someone who is employed to sell things directly to customers	I was unsure of which computer to buy, so I asked the salesperson for help.
engineer	(N.)	someone who designs, builds, or repairs mechanical or electrical devices	He works as an engineer on bridges.
driver	(N.)	someone who drives a vehicle, typically as a job	She asked the driver to take her to the airport.
cartoonist	(N.)	a person who draws cartoons	Matt Groening is a popular American cartoonist .
author	(N.)	someone who writes novels, poems, plays	I love this author's writing style.
editor	(N.)	someone who modifies, edits or corrects peices of text or video before they published	He enjoys working as a video editor .
lawyer	(N.)	someone who is trained to practise law	He works as a government lawyer .
secretary	(N.)	someone who makes appointments and carries out administrative tasks, typically in an office	She works part-time as a secretary .
designer	(N.)	someone who plans how something will be made	He is a famous fashion designer .
dentist	(N.)	someone who is trained to treat conditions/diseases that affect the teeth and gums	I have a dentist appointment today.

