

People in society vocabulary and speaking

People in society guessing game

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	Tele sales staff
Television presenter/ Television celebrity	Tour guide
Traffic warden	Translator/ Interpreter
Travel agent	Vet (= Veterinarian)

Ask about any people above you couldn't understand, found it difficult to describe etc, working together to describe them each time.

People in society vocabulary practice

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

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

People in society discussion

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