



Level:

Elementary and above.

Language Aims:

This warmer is an enjoyable way for elementary students to revise the question, "*What do you do?*".

Preparation:

Make copies of the cards on the next page, one for each student in your class. Put the cards in a bag!

Procedure:

1. Tell students they are going to play a game. They will each be given a card with a picture and name of an occupation. (Make extra cards if you have more than 12 students or make two sets of the class.) Give out one card to each student. When they get the card, they can use their own name, but should pretend that they have the occupation on the card. Tell them they are meeting the other students at a party.
2. Check that each student understands what their occupation is. You may like to model the question/answer students will ask each other, or write them on the board, "**Question: What do you do? / Answer: I'm a...**" You may like to take back the cards once students have looked at them: this will prevent them from showing each other the pictures and words so that they will have to communicate more closely with other students to give and get the answer.
3. Give students a copy of the worksheet - students now mingle and ask each other the question. They write the name of each student and their occupation (from their card) on their worksheet. Give them enough time to talk to each student.
4. Finish by asking students to sit or stand in a circle: Have each student ask another student, "*What do you do?*" and the other student answer until everyone in the class has asked and answered the question. This will allow students a chance to check their answers on their worksheets.

Additional activities:

- a. You may like to ask students to discuss which occupations from the cards are the most exciting/most well-paid/etc.
- b. You could talk about what follow-up questions are possible when the "What do you do?" question is asked at a party. Role-play some possible conversations.
- c. Talk about any questions that we do not ask when talking about occupations (i.e. in most English-speaking countries, it is rude to talk about salary.)



Student Handout - cards to be cut up and given out

 Travel Agent	 Builder
 Postal Worker	 Teacher
 Astronaut	 Chef
 Soldier	 Scientist
 Student	 Police Officer
 Executive	 Cleaner

Student Handout - worksheets to be given out

Name:	Occupation:
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