

7 My Parents' Jobs

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Grammar Notes

Simple Present Tense 1



He **is** a chef. He **cooks** yummy food for people.

What **is** your father's job?

English Lesson



We use the **simple present tense** to talk about things that are true at the present time. We can use it with the verb **'is'** to ask and answer questions about people's jobs.

Grammar Tip

Note that **'is'** is the present form of the verb **'be'**.

What **is** your father's job?
 What **is** your mother's job?

He / She **is** a taxi driver.

Warm-up

A Jasper is asking his classmates about their family. Put a '✓' in the correct box in each question.

is is

1. What your mother's job?

is is

2. My mother a doctor.

is is

3. My dad gives letters to people. He a postman.

is is

4. Maggie's aunt teaches children. She a teacher.





We use the **simple present tense** to talk about what we always do. We can use it to talk about job duties. We add **'-s'** or **'-es'** to the verbs after the third-person singular subjects 'he', 'she' and 'it'.

add '-s'

sell → sell**s**

help → help**s**

add '-es'

teach → teach**es**

do → do**es**

Grammar Tip

When we talk about what people always do, we often use the **plural form** of nouns after the verbs. Pay attention to the spellings of some plural countable nouns.

e.g. ✓ He drives **buses**.

✗ He drives **buss**.

Miss Kam / She

teaches

children.

in a primary school.



Common Errors

✓ Mr Au **paints** pictures.

✗ Mr Au **paint** pictures.

1. My mum **take / takes** care of me.

2. He **carrys / carries** a lot of letters.

Grammar Tip

For some verbs ending in **'-y'**, we change the ending **'-y'** into **'-ies'** after third-person singular subjects.

Warm-up

B Ellie is talking to her classmates about jobs. Follow the example and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verbs.

e.g. He is a shopkeeper. He works (work) in a cake shop.

1. Mrs Chan is a teacher. She _____ (teach) children English.

2. He is a vet. He _____ (look) after sick animals.

3. He is a bus driver. He _____ (drive) people to different places.

4. She is a writer. She _____ (write) exciting stories.

5. Carl's uncle is a salesperson. He _____ (sell) things in a shop.

6. Uncle Ben is a policeman. He _____ (catch) thieves.




Practice

G Miss Kam is asking Jasper and his classmates about their parents' jobs. Follow the example and complete their conversation with the correct form of the given verbs.


Miss Kam : Good morning, boys and girls. Let's talk about your parents' jobs today. Jasper, what **e.g.** _____ is _____ (be) your father's job?

Jasper : He is a chef. He **1** _____ (cook) food in a restaurant.

Miss Kam : Wonderful! Polly, what **2** _____ (be) your father's job?

Polly : He **3** _____ (plant) trees and  **4** _____ (look) after the crops on a farm. He **5** _____ (be) a farmer.

Miss Kam : Interesting! Victor, what **6** _____ (be) your mother's job?

Victor : She is a salesperson. She **7** _____ (sell) things and  **8** _____ (help) customers in a shop.

 Hint: Q4 & 8

What is the subject of each sentence?

Proofreading

D There is one mistake in each question. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-8.

1. What are your dad's job? 1. _____

2. Mr Lo is a policeman. He catches thiefs. 2. _____

3. What is your uncle's jobs? 3. _____

4. Uncle James are a firefighter. He saves people's lives. 4. _____

5. Mrs Chu is a nurse. She looks after sick child.  5. _____

6. My mum do the dishes and tidies the rooms for us. 6. _____

7. My dad is a repairman. He fix broken windows.  7. _____

8. Mr Li is a pilot. He flies plane every day.  8. _____

 Hint: Q5 & 8

Pay attention to the noun forms.

Grammar in Context



Text Type:
Comic strip

E Ellie is reading a comic strip. Complete the comic strip with the correct form of the given words.

What

be catch look
put save take

1

Excuse me. ❶ _____
_____ your father's
job?



My dad is a photographer.
He ❷ _____
photos of beautiful things.

2

Look! She ❸ _____
a policewoman. She
❹ _____ thieves
and helps people.



3



She is a shopkeeper of a pet
shop. She ❺ _____
after pets.

Hint: Q6 & 7

'We' is not
a singular
subject.

4

Oh no! My kitten!



Don't worry! We are firefighters.
We ❻ _____ out
fires and ❼ _____
cats.

