

Unusual jobs around the world

There are many strange jobs that people do in different countries. Here are some of them.



Bicycle fisher

This is a job popular in the capital of the Netherlands. Amsterdam has many bikers, but also a lot of canals. Every year, almost 15,000 bicycles end up in water. That's why there are people to get them out.



Car plate blocker

In Iran, people are not allowed to drive whenever they want. Sometimes, if they need to go somewhere in their car, they find a person to walk behind the car and hide the license plate. In this way, they don't get punished for driving at the wrong time.



Teddy bear doctor

There is a hospital in the UK where you can bring your old teddy bears to get fixed. If you like your toy too much to throw it away, people here can help you. They sew and mend teddy bears until they are like new.



Train stuffer

There are too many people on Japanese undergrounds, especially in big cities like Tokyo. This is why they need workers who help to push as many people inside the train as possible. It saves a lot of time, because the doors can close quicker.



Island caretaker

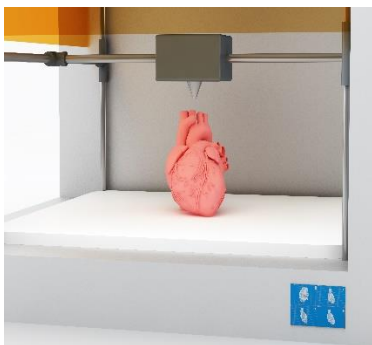
People sometimes get paid to take care of an island, usually in the Pacific Ocean. They have to swim, explore the island and blog about their life. The most important thing for this job is to write interesting texts, because they should attract tourists. It is also a short-term job: you can only work for six months before someone else comes in your place.

Answer the questions.

- 1 Order the jobs from most to least interesting.
- 2 Compare the job you like best and not at all. How are they different?
- 3 For which of these jobs do you need special skills? Which could you do?
- 4 Do you know about some strange jobs in Croatia or around the world?
- 5 What do you think these people do: flavourist, golf ball diver, bed tester, snake milker, worm picker, fortune cookie writer? Explore these jobs and write about them.

Ten jobs for 2030s

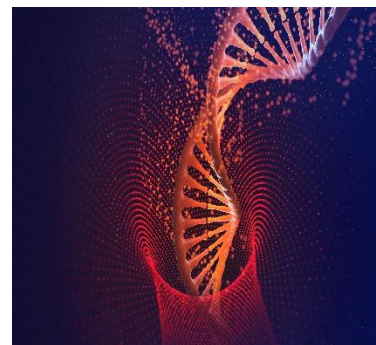
Some people believe 85% of future jobs do not exist yet! However, many try to guess what the most important work will be 10 or 20 years from now. Here are some of them.



Body part makers will help people get new parts for their bodies. Perhaps they will be 3D-printed, or made in a way we still don't know about.



Garbage engineers will figure out how to solve the problem of rubbish. Presently, we make 5 million tonnes of trash every year and we can't keep throwing it away.



Nano-doctors will help our bodies get better with nanotechnology. They will work on sub-atomic levels to treat many diseases.



Space pilots (and guides) will be very important when space tourism becomes more advanced. People will go into space more often and pay money for such experiences.



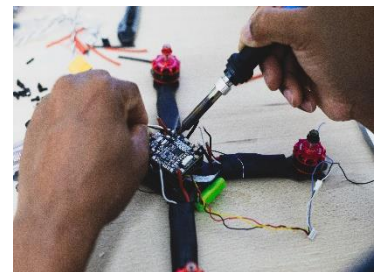
Climate change specialists will deal with hurricanes, earthquakes, droughts and other problems that will appear because of global warming. Some of this is already happening.



GMO farmers will grow new plants, that will feed more people. They will also have to think about the big changes in weather.



Elderly carers already exist, but will be even more important. They take care of old people, and because we will live longer, we will need people to help us with problems in the old age.



Drone engineers and mechanics will make and maintain drones that will have many uses: taxis, deliveries, and other services. We will also need more air-traffic controllers.



New technology teachers will help people understand the changing world. Perhaps the young will learn everything online, but older people will still need someone to explain it to them.



Alternative energy specialists also exist today, but they will have more work in the future. They will help us decide whether to use the power of the sun, water or wind to meet our energy needs.

Questions and tasks:

- 1 Which of these jobs would you most enjoy doing?
- 2 Which jobs are more and which less difficult?
- 3 Order the jobs from most to least important for the future, in your opinion.
- 4 What other new job do you think should be on the list?
- 5 What schools do you think will prepare you best for the future?