

Jobs

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Level 3 • Elementary

Age: Primary (6–11)

Language aims: To practise distinguishing people's ages; to use the comparative; to practise asking questions

Time: 45 minutes

Student grouping: Pairs, whole class

Materials: One copy of the worksheet per student; the audio (played via onestopenglish or downloaded in advance); coloured pens or pencils; pictures of *teacher, sailor, police officer, popstar, chef, doctor, secretary, astronaut, zoo-keeper, nurse, soldier, firefighter*; pictures of *old* and *young*; multiple pairs of scissors

Language focus: Occupations: *teacher, sailor, police officer, popstar, chef, doctor, secretary, astronaut, zoo keeper, nurse, soldier, firefighter*; *same age as, older than, younger than ...; Who ...?; choose, up, down, across, diagonally; your; How old is ...?; red, yellow, blue, green*

Procedure

Step 1

Teach the occupation words, using the pictures you prepared. Then play occupation charades as a class.

Step 2

Hand out the worksheet. Reading from left to right, top to bottom, go through the pictures, for example 'Show me teacher A, sailor A, police officer A', etc. The children can hold up the worksheet and point to the pictures.

Step 3

Teach *old* and *young* using the pictures you prepared. Teach the comparative forms *older* and *younger* using the children in the class. Ask 'Who is older than Maria?' and 'Who is younger than Maria?' Teach *the same age as ...*

Step 4

Explain that you will play the audio, which reveals how old each person is (the age is not always revealed directly). The children will have to listen and work out the answers. The children write the ages of the people in the blank squares as they listen. They will have to follow the outer pictures, clockwise, starting from teacher A and finishing at chef A. Play the audio.

Step 5

Stop occasionally to check answers and make sure everyone is keeping up. Play the audio again, twice if necessary.

Key: *Teacher A is 25.; Sailor A is 27.; Police officer A is 37. Popstar A is 21.; Soldier A is 22.; Firefighter A is 32.; Popstar B is 30.; Doctor B is 45.; Sailor B is 45.; Astronaut B is 36.; Secretary B is 56.; Soldier B is 56.; Chef B is 21.; Nurse B is 27.; Zoo-keeper A is 30.; Chef A is 40.*

Step 6

The children can make up ages for the remaining eight people and write the ages in the blank boxes. In pairs, they then ask:

A: How old is your police officer B?

B: 24. How old is your police officer B?

A: 35.

Follow-up activity

The children cut up the pictures to make occupation cards. Four children pool their cards, shuffle them and put them face down, making a pile of cards. Each child then takes five cards. Every turn, each child discards a card and picks up another one. When a child has four cards the same, they say 'Happy sailors' or 'Happy teachers', etc and put the cards on one side. They then take four more cards from the pile and continue.

Transcript

Teacher A is 25. // Sailor A is two years older than the teacher. // Police officer A is ten years older than sailor A. // Popstar A is 21. // Soldier A is 22. // Firefighter A is ten years older than soldier A. // Popstar B is 30. // Doctor B is 45. // Sailor B is the same age as doctor B. // Astronaut B is 36. // Secretary B is 20 years older than astronaut B. // Soldier B is the same age as Secretary B. // Chef B is 21 years old. // Nurse B is 27. // Zoo-keeper A is three years older than nurse B. // Chef A is 40 years old.

