

## [2] Word building

Nouns in - (e)r describing people

**use** - user

*"It seems that English has the biggest number of **users** of any of the world languages".*

Nouns that describe people can also end in **-or** and **-ar**.

- 3 Now form nouns from the following verbs, making any necessary spelling changes.

verb	noun (-er)
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sing	<b>singer</b>
rob	<b>robber</b>
decorate	<b>decorator</b>
work	<b>worker</b>
ski	<b>skier</b>
write	<b>writer</b>



verb	noun (-or)
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sail	<b>sailor</b>
operate	<b>operator</b>
inspect	<b>inspector</b>
visit	<b>visitor</b>
act	<b>actor</b>
edit	<b>editor</b>



verb	noun (-ar)
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<b>beg</b>	<b>beggar</b>
<b>lie</b>	<b>liar</b>

[4] Write five sentences of your own using nouns from task 3.

**My brother works as a telephone operator for a big company.**

**Last year thousands of visitors came to my beautiful little island.**

**Shakira is a famous singer.**

**Last night I helped a beggar outside the train station.**

**I've called an interior decorator to give us ideas about renovating the kitchen.**

[5] Use the information given below to form nouns in a similar way as in the example.

**What do we call someone who... :**

*... collects stamps? a stamp collector*

1. ...plays the drums? **a drummer**

3. ...acts in a film? **an actor**

5. ... decorates houses?

**a (house) decorator**

7. ... works in a factory?

**a factory worker**

9. ... directs a big company?

**a company director**

2. ... operates a computer? **a computer programmer**

4.... tells lies? **a liar**

6.... manages a hotel? **a hotel manager**

8.... teaches English? **a teacher of English**

10.... begs in the streets? **a (street) beggar**

[6] Read these words about jobs.



nurse	gardener	vet
receptionist	waitress	sailor
teacher	farmer	designer
police officer	journalist	economist
soldier	receptionist	shop assistant
designer	secretary	

**What do you need to be in order to do the jobs above? Choose adjectives from the following box and write sentences in the space provided as in the example (see next page).**

hard-working	fit	organised
imaginative	sociable	young
fashionable	sensitive	intelligent
lively	practical	reliable

*You need to be sensitive to be a nurse.*

*You need to be hardworking (in order) to be a farmer.*

*You need to be fashionable and intelligent (in order) to be a designer.*

*You need to be practical and organised (in order) to be a secretary.*

*You need to be sociable and reliable (in order) to be a receptionist.*



## READING

What is your ideal job? Read the following questionnaire with a partner to find out. Put a tick ( ) or a cross (X). Then make sentences about your ideal job in the space provided.

In your ideal job ...			
Do you work...?	Do you need to be...?	Do you ...?	Do you have to...?
at nights ( ) in the evenings ( ) at the weekend ( ) outside ( ) inside ( ) in an office ( ) on your own ( )	attractive ( ) young ( ) fit ( ) organised ( ) practical ( ) lively ( ) imaginative	wear a uniform ( ) travel ( ) use a machine ( ) need to type ( ) make or build anything ( ) work with your hands ( ) need to drive ( )	meet a lot of people ( ) take notes ( ) answer the phone ( ) make photocopies ( ) send emails ( ) give orders or instructions ( ) speak a foreign language ( )