

# WHAT DO I DO FOR A LIVING?



## Preperation

- ▶ Copy and cut out the occupation sheet. All students receive an occupation sheet. Adapt the occupations according to school type if necessary.
- ▶ Write „Who am I?“ on the board as well as question categories that can assist in guessing the occupations, e.g.: typical activities, gender, skills/strengths, education/ study, work environment, interests, image/status, salary, professional attire. Explain the categories with sample questions, e.g., „Do more men or women work in this occupation?“



### Learning Objective:

To challenge occupational gender stereotypes and broaden the spectrum of occupational choices.

**Grade Level:** 5th Grade and up

**Duration:** 30 - 45 minutes

**Method:** Occupation guessing game, optional: research and occupation profile

**Materials:** Occupation labels (printed template), adhesive tape



## Implementation

1. Form small groups with a maximum of six people. The students stick the occupation slips on their foreheads.
2. One after another, the students ask each other about their professions. They may only ask questions that can be answered with “yes” or “no”. They should also not ask directly about occupations, but rather approach the occupation they are looking for using the question categories mentioned above, e.g. “Do I work with my hands?”, “Do I work outside?”. If “no”, it is the next person’s turn.
3. Finish the exercise after about 15 minutes and start reflecting.



## Reflection Suggestions

- ▶ Do you find the profession on your forehead exciting? Give reasons for your assessment.
- ▶ What other interesting professions have you discovered? What new professions did you get to know“?
- ▶ Which of the professions is the most unusual for you to do as a boy or girl? And why?
- ▶ Is it important for me to be a boy or a girl so that I can do this profession? Give reasons for your assessment.
- ▶ Can’t both men or women do these jobs? What examples do you know from your personal environment or from the media?



## Extensions

Research and Occupations Profile: Students research selected occupations and design an occupation profile.

## PROFESSION LABELS

Please copy the occupation sheet and cut out each card:



**Educator**

**Mechanic**

**Fire Fighter**

**Registered  
Nurse**

**Computer  
Scientist**

**Hotel  
Manager**

**Psychologist**

**Primary School  
Teacher**

**Physicist**

**Veterinarian**