

Vocabulario



el artista
la artista
artist



el comerciante
la comerciante
businessman, businesswoman



el electricista
la electricista
electrician



el carpintero
la carpintera
carpenter



el cocinero
la cocinera
cook



el enfermero
la enfermera
nurse



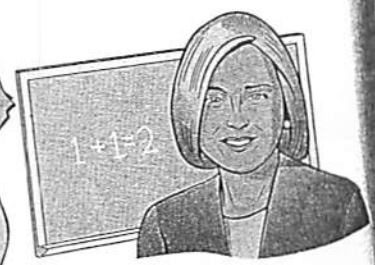
el mecánico
la mecánica
mechanic



el médico
la médica
physician



el músico
la música
musician



el profesor
la profesora
teacher



el agricultor
la agricultora
farmer



el cartero
la cartera
letter carrier



el plomero
la plomera
plumber



el programador
la programadora
computer programmer

¿Dónde trabajas?
Where do you work?

Trabajo en el campo. Soy agricultor.
I work in the country. I am a farmer.

¿Te gusta trabajar?
Do you like to work?

Sí, me gusta trabajar.
Yes, I like to work.

¿A qué te dedicas?
What do you do (for a living)?

Soy actriz. Trabajo en el teatro.
I am an actress. I work at the theater.

Other meanings:

la cartera	wallet, purse
la música	music
la mecánica	mechanics, works

¿Cuál es tu profesión?
What is your occupation?

Soy actor.
I am an actor.

UNIT

8

A Match the job titles with the job skills and descriptions.

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| 1. _____ mecánico | A. has a good sense of rhythm |
| 2. _____ cocinero | B. knows how and when to plant crops |
| 3. _____ electricista | C. can help you take care of your health |
| 4. _____ carpintero | D. has a good sense of color and perspective |
| 5. _____ médico | E. knows how to fix an engine |
| 6. _____ actor | F. can create appetizing meals |
| 7. _____ músico | G. imitates gestures and memorizes easily |
| 8. _____ plomero | H. knows hard wood from soft wood |
| 9. _____ granjero | I. knows how to install an electrical outlet |
| 10. _____ artista | J. can repair a leaking faucet |

B Circle the letter of the subject area most closely associated with each person.

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| 1. el médico / la médica | A. anatomy | B. music | C. botany |
| 2. el músico / la música | A. geography | B. fashion | C. band |
| 3. el granjero / la granjera | A. art | B. agriculture | C. literature |
| 4. el / la comerciante | A. drama | B. engineering | C. marketing |
| 5. el cocinero / la cocinera | A. nutrition | B. history | C. mathematics |
| 6. el actor / la actriz | A. health | B. physics | C. drama |

C Name the person needed in each of the following circumstances.

Modelo: Your parent's car will not start.
Necesito llamar a (I need to call) un mecánico.

1. You fell and have injured your ankle.
Necesito llamar a _____.
2. You need someone to paint your portrait as a surprise present for your parents.
Necesito llamar a _____.
3. You and your family need someone to build new cabinets in the kitchen.
Necesito llamar a _____.
4. You discover that the bathroom sink is clogged.
Necesito llamar a _____.
5. You find that the lamp keeps flickering on and off.
Necesito llamar a _____.
6. You need advice about how to make low-calorie meals.
Necesito llamar a _____.
7. You are having trouble installing a new program in your computer.
Necesito llamar a _____.
8. You are making a movie and need a woman to play a character.
Necesito llamar a _____.
9. You invented a new product and need someone to sell it for you.
Necesito llamar a _____.
10. Your grandfather is ill. You need to find someone to take care of him during the day.
Necesito llamar a _____.

D Complete the dialogue by using the words in the box.

cartero *es* enfermero programadora
cocinera empleo *qué* la Trabajo Cu l

YOLANDA: (1.) _____ es tu profesión?

LUIS: Soy (2.) _____. Y tú,

¿A (3.) _____ te dedicas?

YOLANDA: (4.) _____ en una oficina (*office*).

Soy (5.) _____.

¿Cuál es (6.) _____ profesión del señor Borges?

LUIS: Es (7.) _____ en un hospital.

¿Cuál (8.) _____ la profesión de Ángela López?

YOLANDA: Ángela es (9.) _____ en un hotel en Sevilla.

MATEO: ¡Ay!, mi padrino también tiene (*also has*) un (10.) _____ en Sevilla.

E ¡A hablar! Working in pairs, you and your partner first make a list of 10 cues. Each cue should correspond to one of the occupations you have learned about in this unit. Then take turns saying the cues and guessing the occupations. If you cannot correctly identify an occupation and its definite article on the first try, keep on guessing. You might like to compete with your partner. In that case, assign one point per correct article (*el* or *la*) and one point per correct word. Subtract one (or two) points for an incorrect answer. The winner is the one who first attains 20 points within a designated timeframe.

Modelos:
A: *orchestra*
B: *el músico*
A: ¡Sí!

A: *tractor*
B: *la cocinera*
A: ¡No!

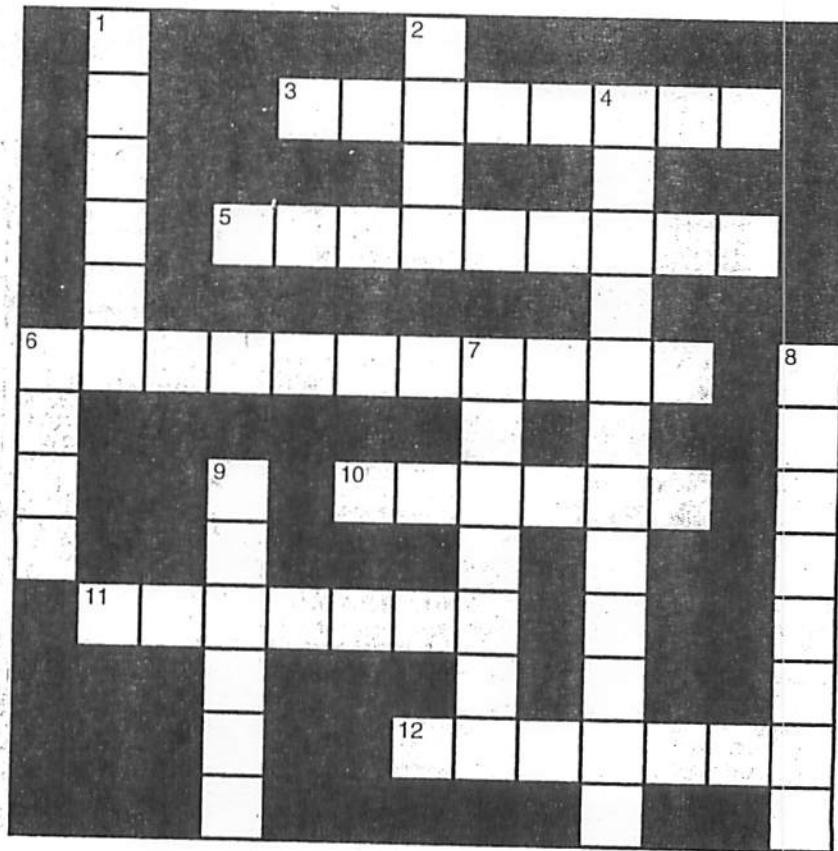
F Complete these sentences. The clues to help you are in the last three words in each sentence. These words tell you where the person works. Look very closely at these words and see if you can figure them out. ¡Buena suerte!

- 1. Soy _____. Trabajo en el campo.
- 2. Soy _____. Trabajo en una orquesta.
- 3. Soy _____. Trabajo en la cocina.
- 4. Soy _____. Trabajo en el teatro.
- 5. Soy _____. Trabajo en un hospital.
- 6. Soy _____. Trabajo en una oficina.

G Choose an occupation from the list in your textbook. Then write in Spanish what your occupation is, and where you work. See exercise F as a model.



Crucigrama. Complete the following crossword puzzle with vocabulary from this unit.



Horizontales

- 3. milks cows and plants crops (*m.*)
- 5. cares for sick and injured people (*f.*)
- 6. runs a business
- 10. performs a theatrical role (*f.*)
- 11. ¿A qué te _____?
- 12. sorts and distributes packages and letters (*m.*)

Verticales

- 1. interprets musical scores (*m.*)
- 2. La práctica _____ maestro.
- 4. connects electrical wires to a house
- 6. ¿_____ es tu profesión?
- 7. paints, draws, etches and sculpts
- 8. teaches a class (*m.*)
- 9. diagnoses an illness (*f.*)