

BIASED JOB TITLES

When you look at the working world today, most occupations are still dominated by one sex or the other. Below is a list of common jobs. Place a W by jobs usually held by women and an M by jobs usually held by men. If you feel there are equal numbers of men and women doing this job, place an O on the line.

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| ___ Architect | ___ Bus Driver | ___ Telephone Installer |
| ___ Computer Programmer | ___ Engineer | ___ Nurse |
| ___ Marine Biologist | ___ Clerk/Typist | ___ Airplane Mechanic |
| ___ Dentist | ___ Doctor | ___ Police Officer |
| ___ Interior Decorator | ___ School Teacher | ___ Plumber |
| ___ Daycare Worker | ___ Pilot | ___ Receptionist |
| ___ Lawyer | ___ Nail Technician | ___ School Principal |
| ___ Carpenter | ___ House Painter | ___ Firefighter |
| ___ Food Server | ___ Electrician | ___ Social Worker |
| ___ Librarian | ___ Flight Attendant | ___ Accountant |

Select three of the jobs you felt were dominated by men and give reasons why this is the case. Be prepared to discuss answers.

Select three of the jobs you felt were dominated by women and give reasons why this is the case. Be prepared to discuss answers.

MALE-DOMINATED JOBS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

FEMALE-DOMINATED JOBS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

DISCUSSION:

- Which jobs pay more? Are these jobs dominated by men or by women?
- Could a boy be a nurse or a nail technician or a secretary? Why or why not?
- Could a girl be a pilot or a carpenter or an electrician? Why or why not?

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