

Males and females: Occupations

Below is a sample list of jobs. In each case over 75 per cent of the people involved are either male or female. Indicate (x) which sex you think dominates each job.

Occupation	Male	Female
Miners		
Butchers		
Nurses		
Secretaries		
Drivers		
Administrators and managers		
Postal workers		
Shop assistants		
Cleaners		
Painters and decorators		
Bio-genetic engineers		
Lawyers		
Architects		
Pilots		
Flight attendants		
Army personnel		
Teachers		
Computer specialists		
Software specialists		

1. What reason can you suggest for some jobs being done mainly by males and other jobs mainly by females?
2. Apart from physical differences, in what ways are females "naturally" different from males?
3. Now leave your answers, without discussing them. Wait till the end of the unit and then compare your views. Have they changed?