

UNIT 3

TEACHER OR STUDENT



The agent noun - forming suffixes are added:

I. Commonly to verbs to refer to a person or thing that performs an action indicated by the verb

sing	+ -ER	= singer
reflect	+ -OR	= reflector
study	+ -ENT	= student
verb	agent noun	suffix

II. Sometimes to nouns to refer to a person who specializes in the area indicated by related noun. Certain spelling changes may be necessary.

geology	+ -IST	= geologist
law	+ -ER	= lawyer
library	+ -IAN	= librarian
noun	suffix	agent noun

III. Less commonly to adjectives to form a noun

foreign + -ER = foreigner
adjective suffix noun

Refer to the spelling rules in Appendix B-I.

A. Use the following words in sentences. Include the meaning of the suffix as in the example.

Examples:

teach	A teacher is a person who teaches.
amplify	An amplifier is a thing that amplifies.
economist	An economist is a person who specializes in economics.

1. a singer
2. a ruler
3. a banker (banking)
4. a scientist (science)
5. a physicist (physics)
6. a chemist (chemistry)
7. a librarian (library science)
8. a physician (medicine)
9. a fighter
10. an accountant (accounting)

B. All of the following verbs form the agent noun by adding -ER. Make agent nouns from these verbs. Consult your dictionary for the spelling. Use each agent noun in a sentence.

Example: dry *drier*.
I need a hair drier to dry my hair.

1. play _____
2. wrestle _____
3. entertain _____
4. run _____
5. teach _____
6. learn _____
7. write _____
8. manage _____
9. clean _____
10. lecture _____

C. Form agent nouns by adding the appropriate suffix to the end of the given words in the box. Use these agent nouns to fill in the blanks.

work	magic	science
foreign	compose	detect
lead	special	announce
own	politics	investigate
study	invent	instruct

1. The _____ have to be present at the factory at 8:00 a.m.
2. Do you know the name of the _____ on that TV show?
3. Who's the _____ of the telephone?
4. The _____ of the political parties intend to get together for a meeting if they can manage it.

5. Tourists, as _____, feel more comfortable when they travel in that foreign country with a guide.
6. Jim's Spanish _____ gives him a lot of homework.
7. You have to ask the _____ of that house to find out the rent.
8. _____ work very hard for the welfare of human beings.
9. Mr. Brown, as a math teacher, is proud of his _____ who are admitted to college.
10. They have installed a smoke-_____ in their house to prevent fire.
11. The company will hire a _____ to run this new machine.
12. There is a belief that _____ cannot be trusted.
13. _____ have great talents in performing their tricks.
14. He hired a (n) _____ to inquire the feasibility of this kind of business.
15. He received an award as the best music _____ of the year.

D. Try to find other nouns with agent forming suffixes.

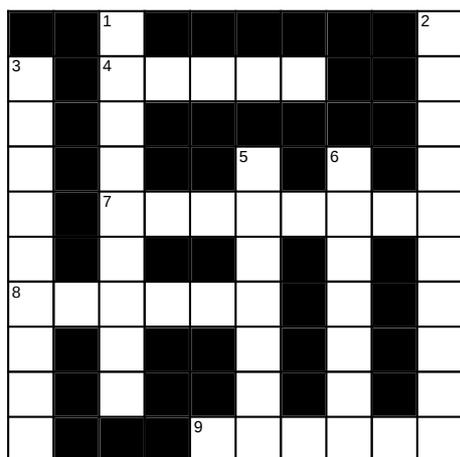
E. Fill in each of the blanks with the appropriate word given in the box.

singer	banker	librarian
physician	manager	teacher
announcer	specialist	blender

Jill was the only child of a big family. Therefore, each member felt the right to influence her about what to study at the university. Her father was a _____ so he wanted her to go into banking. The mother was a _____; therefore, she thought that teaching would be ideal for her daughter. Her uncle, as a _____, wanted her to study medicine. Her aunt wanted her to study administration to become a _____ in a big company. Her grandfather was the owner of a factory producing household goods. Therefore, he wanted Jill to work in his company as a _____ on designing _____. Her grandmother wanted her to be a _____ since Jill liked to read books. The little brother thought that she should be a famous pop _____ so that he could go to her concerts. Noone asked for Jill's opinion. Guess what! She wanted to be a television _____.

F. Puzzles to solve

Puzzle 1



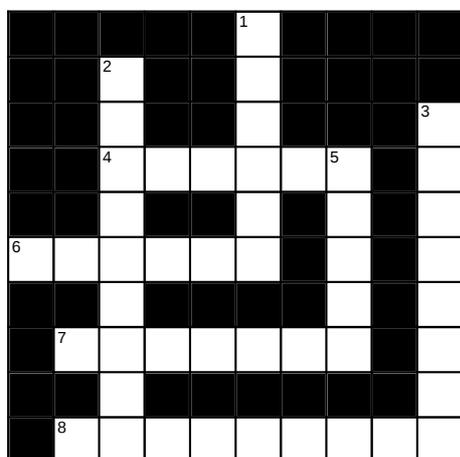
Across

- 4 Who's the _____ of this house? (5)
 7 Who's the _____ of electricity? (8)
 8 Who was the best _____ in the race?
 (6)
 9 Who's the best ___ of this century? (6)

Down

- 1 He doesn't live in this country, he's a
 _____. (9)
 2 He works as a Math _____. (10)
 3 If you can't find the book, ask the
 _____. (9)
 5 A good student is a good _____. (7)
 6 He is the best _____ in that class. (7)

Puzzle 2



Across

- 4 a person working in a bank (6)
 6 a person controlling a group of
 people (6)
 7 a person using force against other
 people (7)
 8 a person introducing programs (9)

Down

- 1 a person who works (6)
 2 a person in charge of a library (9)
 3 a person who writes music (8)
 5 a person who rules (5)