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Agent nouns - word formation

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Suffixes for people who do jobs or activities

- er: worker, teacher, learner, manager
- or: actor, creator, visitor, conductor
- ant: assistant, contestant, applicant
- ist: chemist, biologist, physicist, scientist
- man/-woman: policeman/police woman, sportsman/sports woman, postman
- ian: politician, musician, physician
- ee: employee, trainee
- ess: actress, waitress

Look out!

The neutral words (the terms for both men and women are more and more used instead of -man/-woman or -ess, e. g.

spokesperson, chairperson, flight attendant

Make agent nouns from these words

- enthusiasm
- co-operation
- politics
- interview
- reception
- electricity
- archaeology
- consult
- join

Answer key

- enthusiasm
- co-operation
- politics
- interview
- reception
- electricity
- archaeology
- consult
- join
- enthusiast
- co-operator
- politician
- interviewee, interviewer
- receptionist
- electrician
- archaeologist
- consultant
- joiner (= truhlář, stolař)

Explain what these people do

- chef
- IT consultant
- social worker
- porter
- interpreter
- optician

Answer key

- chef
- IT consultant
- social worker
- porter
- interpreter
- optician
- cooks professionally for other people
- advises the clients how to use information technology in order to meet their business
- helps people overcome problems
- is in charge of the entrance to a hotel
- translates what is said into another language
- examines people's eyes

Zdroje

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