Worksheet

18 Workers

Complete the following activities on workers.

Activity 1

The table lists the factors affecting an individual’s choice of occupation. Complete the table to identify whether each factor is a wage factor or a non-wage factor. The first has been done for you.

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| Factor | Wage factor | Non-wage factor |
| Wages | ✓ |  |
| Career prospects |  |  |
| Commission |  |  |
| Bonus |  |  |
| Level of experience needed |  |  |
| Recognition |  |  |
| Share options |  |  |
| Piece rate |  |  |
| Personal satisfaction |  |  |
| Qualifications required |  |  |
| Profit-related pay |  |  |
| Length of training required |  |  |
| Holiday allowance |  |  |
| Fringe benefits (perks) |  |  |

Activity 2

The following table shows earnings for selected occupations in the UK in 2017.

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| Occupation | Annual salary (£) |
| Chief executive officer | 107,703 |
| Aircraft pilot | 90,146 |
| Legal professional | 73,425 |
| Medical practitioner | 69,463 |
| Senior police officer | 58,533 |
| Bus and coach driver | 21,533 |
| School secretary | 16,366 |
| Cleaner | 7919 |
| Waiter | 7554 |
| Bar staff | 7404 |

*Source*: Office for National Statistics

1 Your teacher will ask you to work in pairs and will select a different occupation from the table for each pair of students.

Discuss possible reasons why the occupation you have been given commands a relatively high, medium or low salary.

2At the end of the activity, your teacher will ask each pair of students to share their explanations with the rest of the group.