








## Active and passive

- 1 Read the statistics. Work with a partner and underline the correct form.

### Statistics about jobs and money in the UK

- 1 The average worker **pays/is paid** £27,000 a year. 
- 2 The average family **pays/is paid** £730,000 in tax in their lifetime. 
- 3 19% of the workforce **employed/are employed** by the state. 
- 4 The biggest employer is the \*NHS, with 1.7 million workers. However, many NHS jobs **are cut/are being cut** at the moment. \*NHS – National Health Service
- 5 The workforce **makes up/is made up** of 53% men and 47% women. 
- 6 Women **earn/are earned** on average 9.6% less than men for full-time work. 
- 7 91% of fathers **take/are taken** time off after the birth of their baby.
- 8 On average, children aged 8–15 **give/are given** £6.35 pocket money every week. 
- 9 80% of British households **own/are owned** a car. 
- 10 On average, every adult **owes/is owed** £28,900 in debt.

- 2 Do any of the statistics surprise you? Do you know similar facts about jobs and money in your country?

### ➔ Grammar reference 3.5–3.6 p143

- 3 Put the verbs in the **Present passive, Simple, or Continuous**.

- 1 'Can I help you?' 'I **'m being served** (serve), thank you.'
- 2 A lot of manufactured goods \_\_\_\_\_ (make) in China.
- 3 'Why are you getting the bus?' 'My car \_\_\_\_\_ (service).'
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ service \_\_\_\_\_ (include) in the bill?
- 5 Nearly 50% of the food we buy \_\_\_\_\_ (import).
- 6 The banking industry in the UK \_\_\_\_\_ (situate) in London.
- 7 The hotel is closed while the bedrooms \_\_\_\_\_ (redecorate).
- 8 Footballers \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) far too much money.

## Speaking and listening

### Who earns how much?


- 1 Look at the chart. Which of the jobs do you think are the most beneficial to society? Put them in order of importance, with number 1 being the most useful.



- 2 Work with a partner. Discuss which job you think goes with which salary.

I think a doctor is paid about ... Doctors earn much more than ...

How much do you think ... get paid? I don't think they get as much as ...

- 3 Check your answers with the chart on p156. Compare your ideas in 1. Do you think the salaries are fair?
- 4  3.7 Listen to four people talking about their work. Can you work out what their jobs are? What do they find difficult about their job?

### Project

Interview someone you know about his/her job. Tell the class about this person.

**I talked to X, who's a/an X.**

**She/He starts work at ...**

**She/He has to ...**

**She/He likes the job because ...**

**On her/his days off she/he ...**