



# Suffix “-keeper” for job titles



The suffix “keeper” can be added to a word to create an adjective that describes a person according to their activity or employment. This suffix has been in use for hundreds of years and often describes jobs that were popular in these times. For example a gamekeeper looked after the game (animals that were hunted for sport or food).

Add the suffix “keeper” then write the words :

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| (1) bee _____   | (6) zoo _____     |
| (2) book _____  | (7) inn _____     |
| (3) goal _____  | (8) time _____    |
| (4) game _____  | (9) shop _____    |
| (5) house _____ | (10) wicket _____ |

Write the ‘keeper’ job titles in alphabetical order, then match the job titles to their correct job descriptions :

- ( ) ... one who keeps records for the accounts of a business.
- ( ) ... one who defends the goal in games such as hockey.
- ( ) ... one who manages a shop or store.
- ( ) ... a fielder who stands behind the wicket in cricket.
- ( ) ... one who is in charge of caring for animals in the zoo.
- ( 1 ) ... one who keeps bees for the purpose of making honey.
- ( ) ... one who records official times during a contest.
- ( ) ... one who owns or runs an inn.
- ( ) ... one who is in charge of game animals on private land.
- ( ) ... one who manages the cooking and cleaning of a house.

(1) beekeeper

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_

(6) \_\_\_\_\_

(7) \_\_\_\_\_

(8) \_\_\_\_\_

(9) \_\_\_\_\_

(10) \_\_\_\_\_

Find out what these old fashioned jobs involved :

- (1) charwoman \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) cobbler \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) cooper \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) smith \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) tanner \_\_\_\_\_

## Did You Know?

Over time, a person's job title sometimes became their surname. So if your surname is 'Smith' you most likely have an ancestor who used to be a Blacksmith!

