

Read and listen.

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Engineer – Andrew Johnson



Andrew, 30, is an engineer. He comes from New Zealand, but now he lives in Scotland. **He works on an oil rig** 440 km from the coast of Aberdeen. He works 12 hours a day for two weeks, and then he has two weeks' holiday. He earns £200 a day. In his free time he goes to the gym and plays snooker. He isn't married.



Zoologist – Claudia Luke

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Claudia, 41, is American. She's a zoologist and she teaches at a university. She lives in California and works with her husband, Jim, at the Research Centre in the Mojave Desert where **she studies snakes and other animals**. She likes working in the desert. In her free time she writes songs and walks her dog, Brewer. She earns about \$60,000 a year.

Babur Ali – he's 16 years old and a head teacher!



Babur Ali comes from West Bengal in India. He is 16 years old and lives in the small village of Bhabta. His village doesn't have a school, but Babur is lucky because he goes to a private school in the next village. His school costs 1,000 rupees, £12 a year. This is too expensive for many children in Babur's village, but they want to learn, so Babur teaches them everything that he learns. More and more children want to learn, so Babur's friends help him teach. The classes are in bamboo huts, but sometimes they sit outdoors. The school is free and now has a name, the Anand Shiksha Niketan School, and Babur is the head teacher.



Babur Ali teaching his class



Busy days

Babur's days are very busy. He has no free time. He gets up at 5 o'clock in the morning and helps his mother with the housework. At 8 o'clock he goes by bus to his school three miles away. He studies hard all day until 4.00 in the afternoon. Then he travels back to his village and at 5.00 he begins the classes. He teaches English, Bengali, history, and maths until 8.00 in the evening. He says, 'I love teaching. I am never tired.'

Babur's ambitions

Now the school has 650 students and ten teachers. Babur wants to study at university, but he doesn't want to stop teaching. He says, 'I always want to teach poor children.'

