

Weekly Tutor Time Activity - Discuss the job profile.

Write the job title, salary and hours in your planner.

Zookeeper

Careers: Job Profiles
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Zookeepers look after animals in zoos, safari parks and aquariums.

Average salary (a year)



£21,000

£28,000

Starter

Experienced

Typical hours (a week)



30 to 37

You could work



evenings / weekends /
bank holidays
on shifts

Different routes to get this job

- a university course
- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role

Skills and knowledge

- the ability to work well with others
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to use your initiative
- customer service skills
- knowledge of biology
- to be flexible and open to change
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

Day-to-day tasks

- prepare food and feed animals
- clean out enclosures and change bedding
- check for signs of injury, distress or disease
- work with veterinary staff to care for sick animals
- monitor conditions like temperature and humidity
- help to maintain and develop habitats
- assist with data collection for conservation research
- run education workshops and give talks to the public
- supervise trainee keepers, animal care workers and volunteers