



5 – 10 min



Explaining

What is the question?

This activity can help your child with understanding words and practising explaining. This is a great communication workout and can really get children thinking.

Getting Ready

Use the pictures to start with, then play the game without, using your own ideas instead.

Playing the game

- Explain you are going to give your child an answer to something and they need to work out what the question is. Use the phrase “**The answer is...what is the question?**” each time.
- Any question that links to the answer is fine. It doesn't need to be one you have in mind.
- Explain that for all the questions and answers the theme is all about the jobs that people do.
- Give an example to them first, so they can see how the game works.
- **E.g.** “The answer is fire fighter...what is the question?” “The question might be, who wears a uniform, drives a red truck and uses huge ladders and hoses.”

What if...

My child can't come up with a question?

Keep answers simple and obvious. Objects are much easier than actions or feelings.

My child guesses too quickly or easily!

Make your answers more difficult, where the question isn't as obvious.

Taking it further!

- Play the dice game. Take turns to roll the dice. Whichever side the dice lands, read out to your child and they must come up with an example **e.g.** someone who delivers.
- Let your child give you an answer and you must come up with the question. They will then have to decide whether your question works – this is the tricky bit. Talk about why the questions work or not. To make it a little harder, put in some deliberate mistakes and see if your child can explain why this question doesn't work so well.
- To get imaginations going, tell your child to come up with an answer that is a wish or fantasy idea, **e.g.** “The answer is a professional footballer. The question is, who would I want to play kick about with in the park?”



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Pictures

Here are some pictures of people doing different jobs to help when you start the game.
Continue the game with your own ideas.





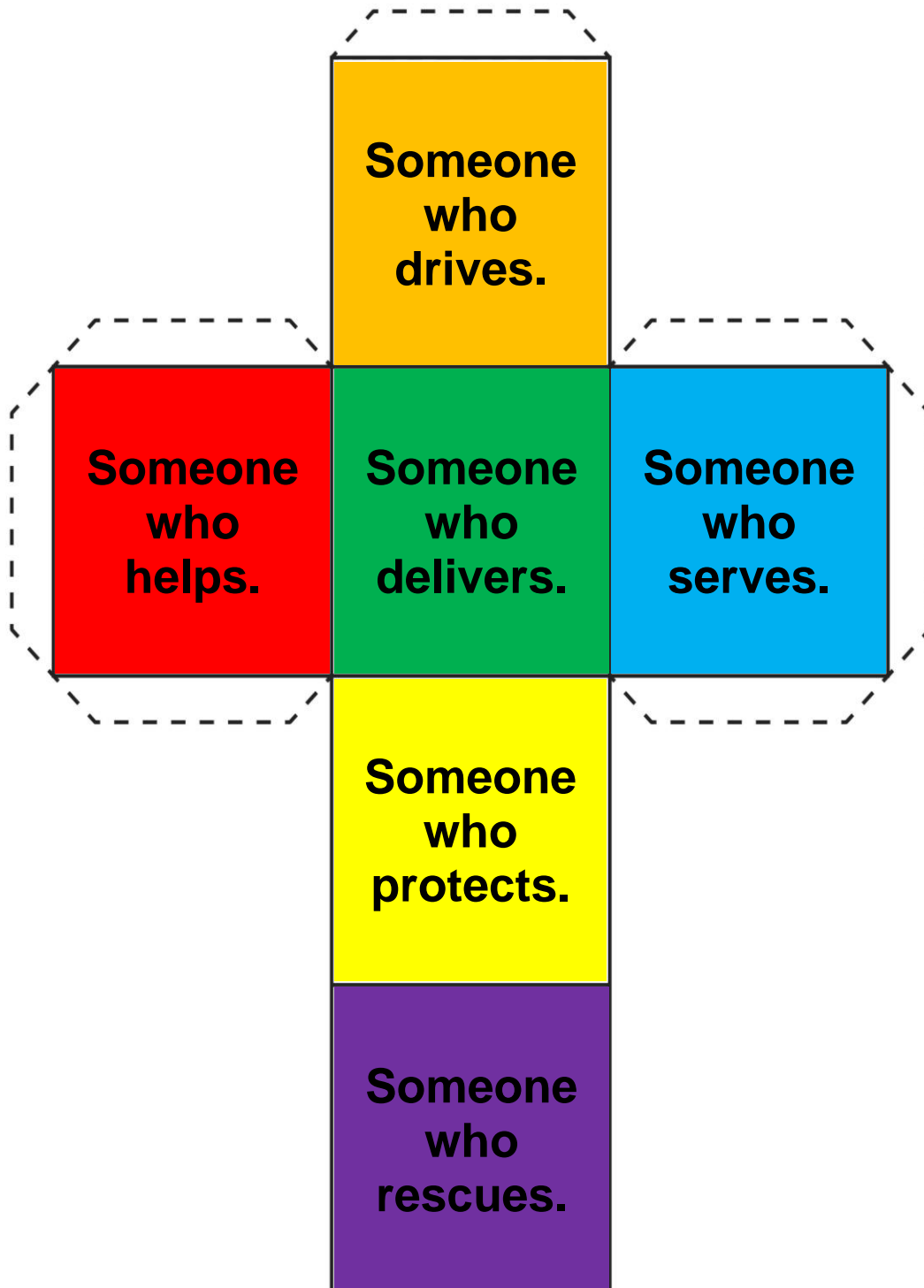
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Dice Game

Make up the dice by cutting out and sticking together with glue or tape. Take turns to roll the dice. When it lands, see if you can think about someone who does this thing in their job.





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Your ideas

Here is a space for you to draw a picture. Maybe draw a picture of the best question during the game.

The best question was...

What did you find out?

I like this game because.....

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My favourite bit was.....

.....

My name is

I played the games with my

You're a star!
Don't forget to colour in your
medal.

