The Perfect Job

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? If flipping burgers doesn’t sound like the perfect job, then you might consider one of these unusual jobs some day!

**Snake milker:** It’s not what it sounds like! Snakes don’t have milk! When people get bitten by poisonous snakes, they need something called an antidote. Antidotes work as medicine against poisons; they save many lives! So the antidote for snakebites is made from snake venom. The lucky person who collects the venom from the snake is called a snake milker.

**Ostrich babysitter:** Apparently ostriches get into a lot of skirmishes; if someone doesn’t keep an eye on them, they could peck each other to death! So an ostrich babysitter’s job is to break up fights and make sure none of the ostriches gets into trouble.

**Gum buster:** Have you ever walked down the street and noticed lots of dark, dirty splotches on the pavement? No? Well, then maybe it’s because a gum buster has been busy at work! A gum buster is hired to remove gum from streets, statues, furniture—pretty much anywhere that you can stick a piece of chewed-up gum! A special machine uses chemicals and dry steam to heat the gum up to such a high temperature that it melts the gum away.

**Subway crowd pusher:** Tokyo, Japan, has a population of over twelve million people. Many of those people ride the subway to work during rush hour every day. To fit everyone into the trains, white-gloved workers called pushers gently and politely push passengers further into the car to make room for even more passengers. If being in tight spaces makes you nervous, then this may not be a good job for you!