

Women in Top Jobs

Sociology skills

- Analysis of information in table form
- Evaluation of evidence

Key skills

- Communication
- Application of number

Stimulus materials

Women and top jobs

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TOP PROFESSIONAL JOB	MEN %	WOMEN %
General practitioner (doctor)	79	21
Hospital consultant	86	14
Senior Civil Servant or MP	92	8
Cabinet Minister (1991)	100	0
Senior local government officer	83	17
Local authority chief executive	99	1
Engineer or technologist	99	1
Accountant	96	4
Dentist	82	18
High Court Judge	97	3
Barrister	86	14
Solicitor	81	19
University professor	97	3
Full-time lecturer at university	88	12
Bank Manager	99	1
Company director	99	1
Chartered surveyor	99	1
Architect	96	5

Understanding the stimulus

1. What percentage of hospital consultants are female?
2. Which top jobs do females have most chance of obtaining?
3. Which top jobs do females have least chance of obtaining?
4. What percentage of university lecturers is female?
5. What percentage of university professors is female?
6. What do the answers to the previous two questions tell you about the chances of women in universities being promoted from lecturer to professor?

Development and Revision

1. Suggest a variety of reasons why females are less likely than males to get top jobs.
2. How could the government make it easier to help women into the top professions? Suggest a variety of ideas.