

“Who Am I Today?”

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Actor

Actors are amazing. They memorize all their lines and go to auditions to impress directors. They astonish us with their performances. After the applause, come many awards.

May I have your autograph, please?



Baker

Bakers make beautiful birthday cakes. They beat butter and eggs together until the batter bursts with bubbles. Sometimes they blend in bright blueberries to make a brilliant blue cake.

Would you like a blue birthday cake?



Clown

Clowns are carefree and also a bit crazy. They are colorful characters. They help us celebrate because they create such collective cheer.

Would you like to wear a wig and a big red nose?



Disc Jockey

Disc Jockeys know how to get us all on the dance floor. DJs love to discover new songs, and they surprise us with delightful dance tunes. They make us want to dip, drop, and disco down.

What's your favorite song to dance to?



Electrician

An electrician wires our world with electricity. Thanks to them, we can eat hot food and read at night in bed under our covers. They also know that energy can sometimes be explosive, so they work with extreme caution.

Are you a live wire?



Flower Farmer

Flower farmers forage for fresh blossoms in their fields. They fetch only those perfect flowers, the ones that are fragrant and freshest. They fly them to us for our flower vases.

What is your favorite flower?



Grandma

Grandmas wear glasses and give gigantic hugs. They love to garden and giggle in between naps. Being a grandma means having glorious gray hair.

Does your grandma let you win at checkers?



Hippie

Hippies are hardly ever in a hurry. They like to hang out and have fun. They find happiness and harmony inside their honest hearts.

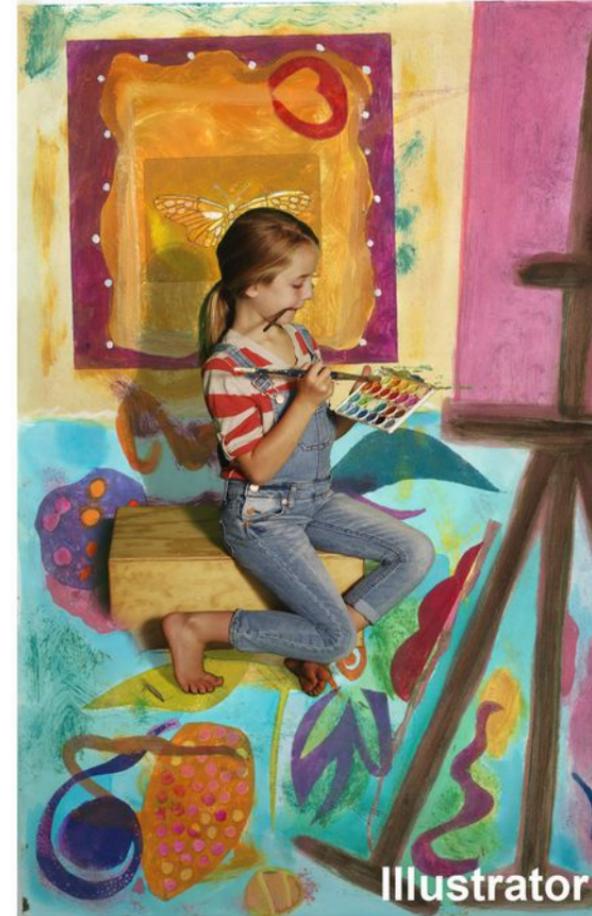
Where do you like to hang out and have fun?



Illustrator

Illustrators create innovative images. Their imaginations soar with ideas. Creating party invitations in an instant is easy. They use pencil, watercolors and ink.

Can you draw your own dance-party invitation?



Judge

Judges deliver justice. They work with juries to decide who must go to jail, and who will go free. Their job is no joke.

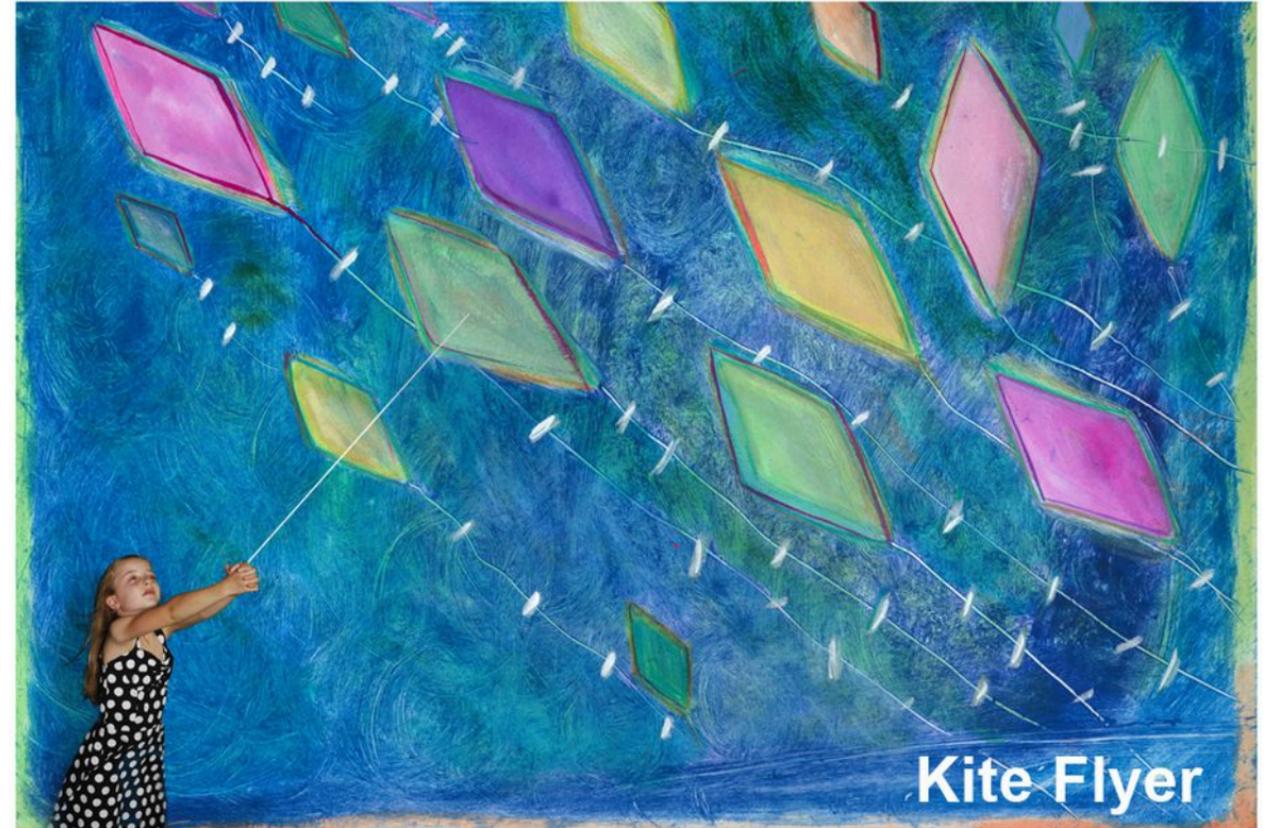
Do you like to be fair?



Kiteflyer

Kiteflyers have a keen sense of the wind. They control their kites and watch them soar and glide through the sky. They never let a knot or a kink ruin their day.

Have you ever flown a kite on a windy day?

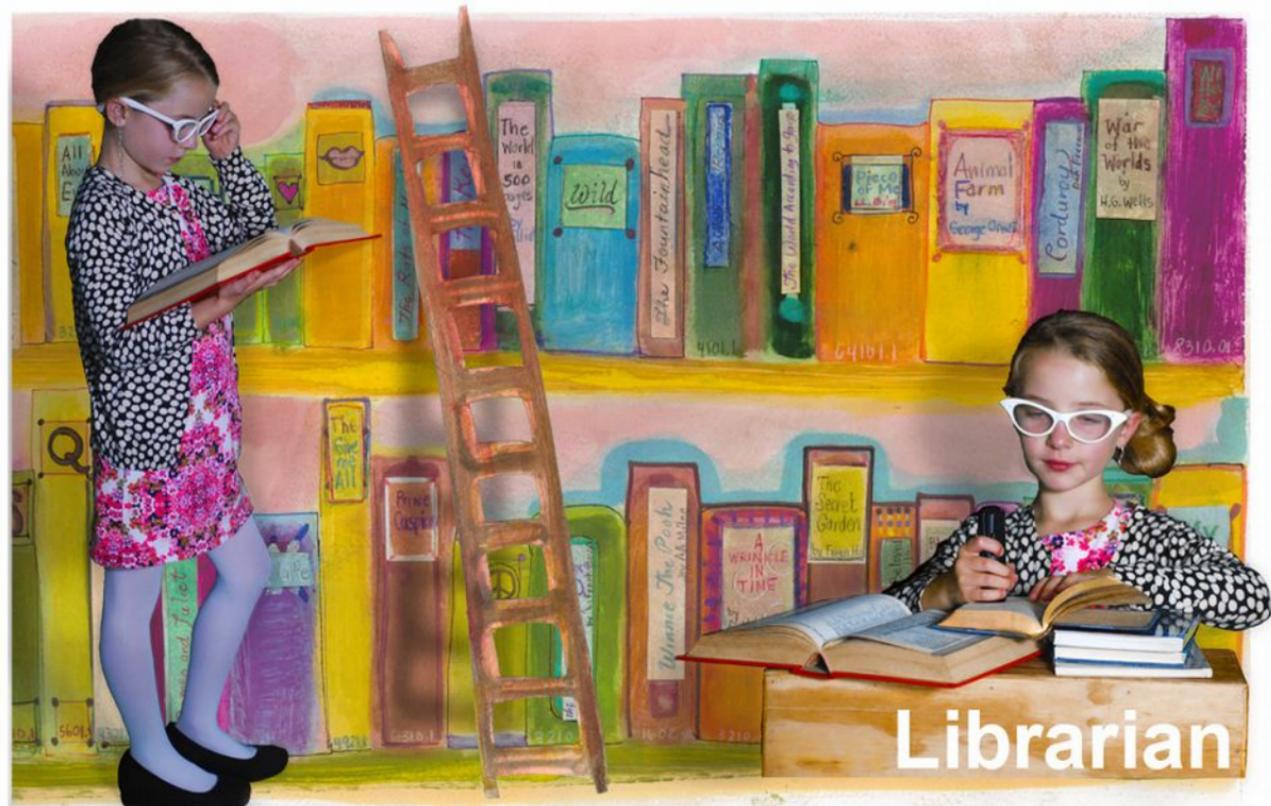


Kite Flyer

Librarian

Looking to learn about leopards, lightning, or lemons? Librarians can locate all kinds of literature by looking through stacks and stacks of books and long long lists.

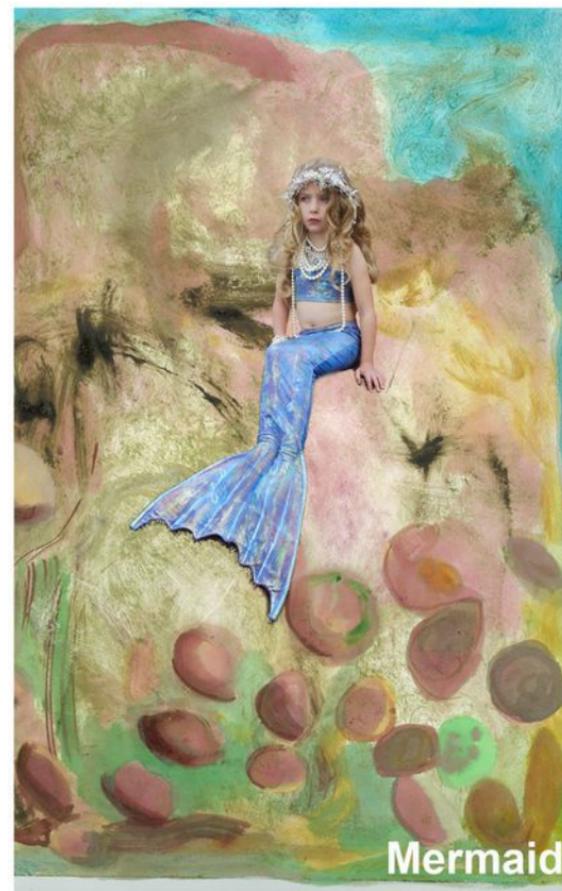
Do you like to visit your local library?



Mermaid

Mermaids are magical and mysterious. They swim in the moonlight among the mackerel and the minnows. Their moves cast murmurs across the sea.

Who says a mermaid is a myth?



Newscaster

Newscasters narrate the day's events on the television news.

They bring together notes from the neighborhood, facts from the world and nutty nonsense too. They report changes from the North, East, West and South. That is why it they call it NEWS.

What news did you hear today?



Optician

Opticians open our eyes to the world all around us. They fit us with just the right glasses. They sell orange frames and old frames, ordinary and odd frames, oval and octagon-shaped ones too.

Who do you know that wears glasses?



Photographer

Photographers push a button and "poof"— a picture appears. Then they print a photo to preserve the most perfect moments. Photographers make our memories permanent.

Have you ever taken a perfect photo?

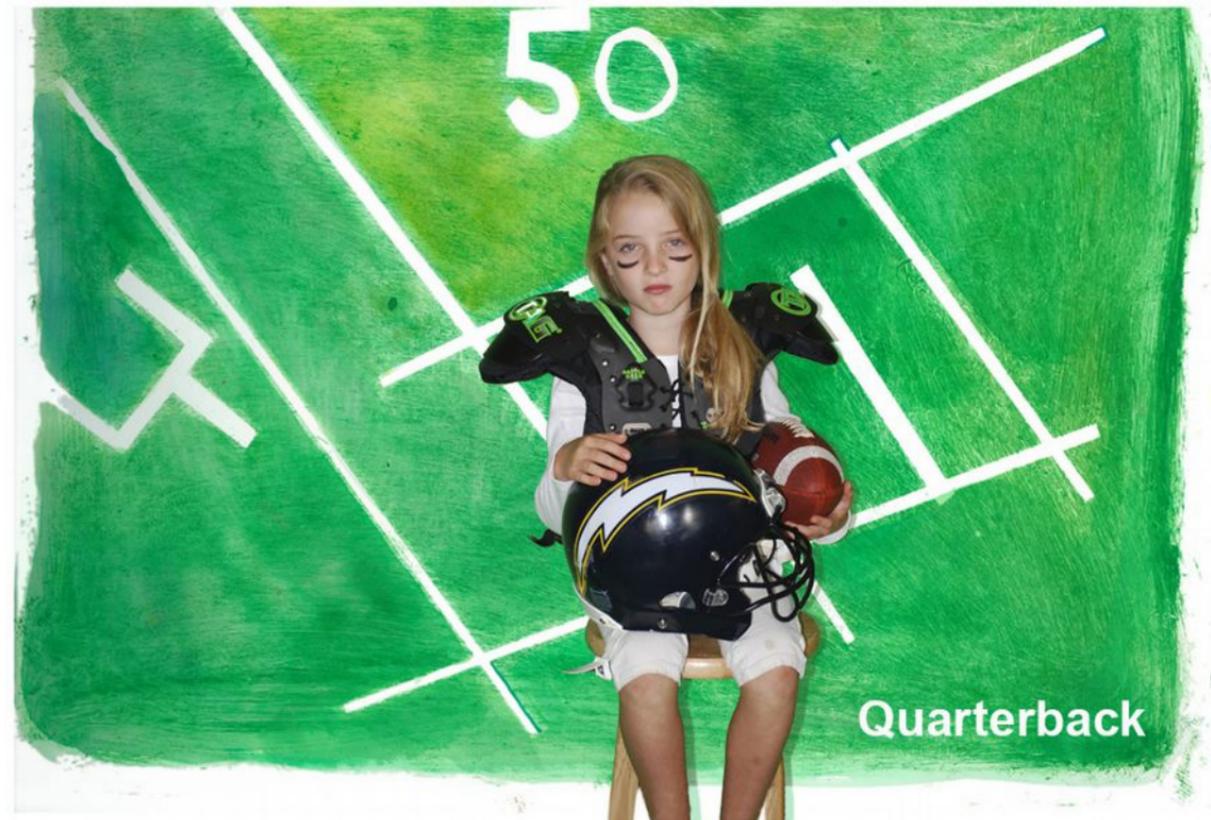


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Quarterback

Quick! The quarterback throws the ball to score a touchdown. At halftime, the quarterback downs quarts of water and quizzes the coach about how to play to win. Quitting is never allowed.

Have you ever scored a touchdown?



Rock Star

Rock stars rehearse and record rocking rhythms. They go on the road and play for rowdy fans. Creating a hit on the radio is really rewarding.

What's your favorite song from the radio?



Swimmer

Swimmers glide across water with such skill. Sometimes they use smooth strokes to shoot to the surface. Strong splashing is a smart way to swim away from salmon, sharks or seaweed.

How long can you hold your breath under water?



Tap Dancer

Tappers create tempo with their toes and their heels. A true test of their talent is to throw in a tempo change, slow to fast to slow again. Tappers take their skills to television and to the theater.

Would you like to dance on the stage?



Umpire

Umpires understand the rules of all types of games such as tennis, baseball and cricket. They never get upset. They can cause an ugly uproar when they call a player or a ball “out.”

Have you ever been called “out”?



Veterinarian

Vets take care of all kinds of pets, even vipers and vultures and vicunas! They administer various vaccines and a variety of vitamins. Vets value animals above all.

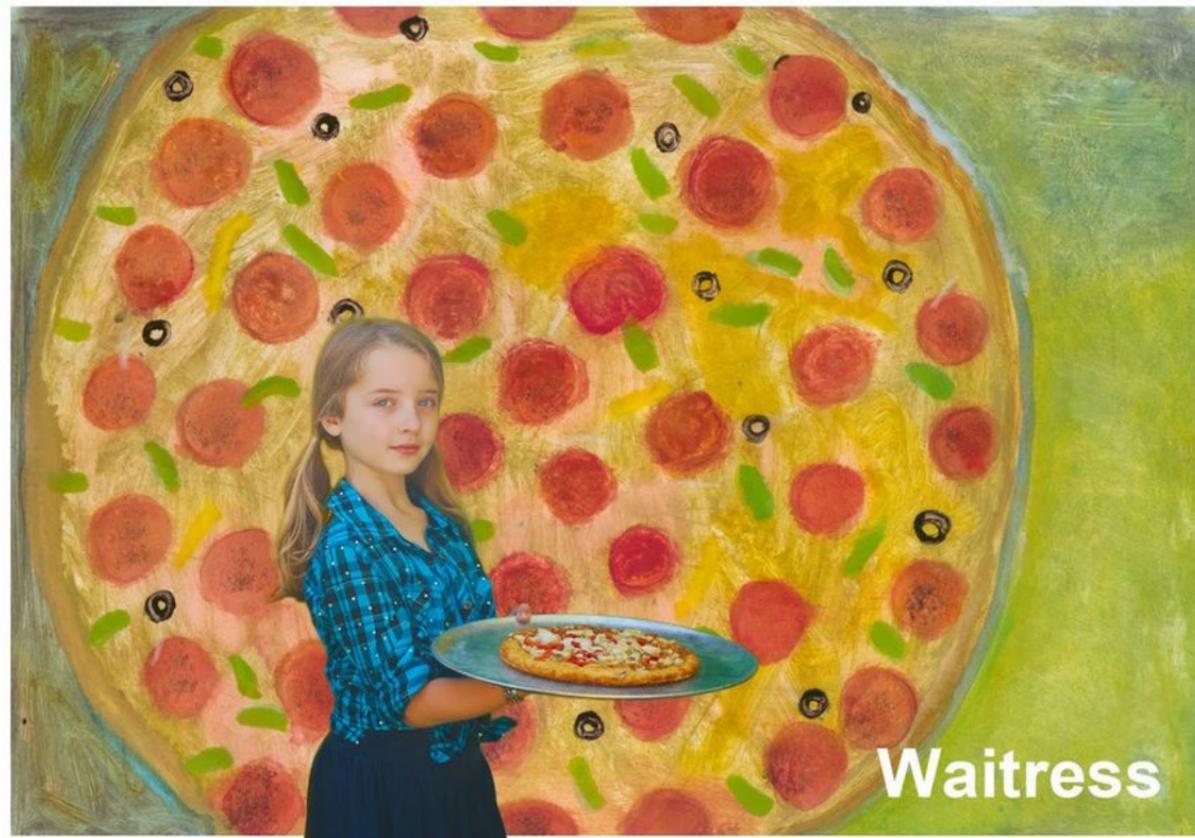
Do you love dogs or cats the most?



Waitress

Waitresses welcome guests and write down orders, all in a whirl. They can serve everything from watermelon to Waldorf salads with a wink and a smile.

What would you like to eat for dinner tonight?



Xylophone Player

Xylophone players explore complex sounds and create exciting melodies. They use reflexes that are expressive.

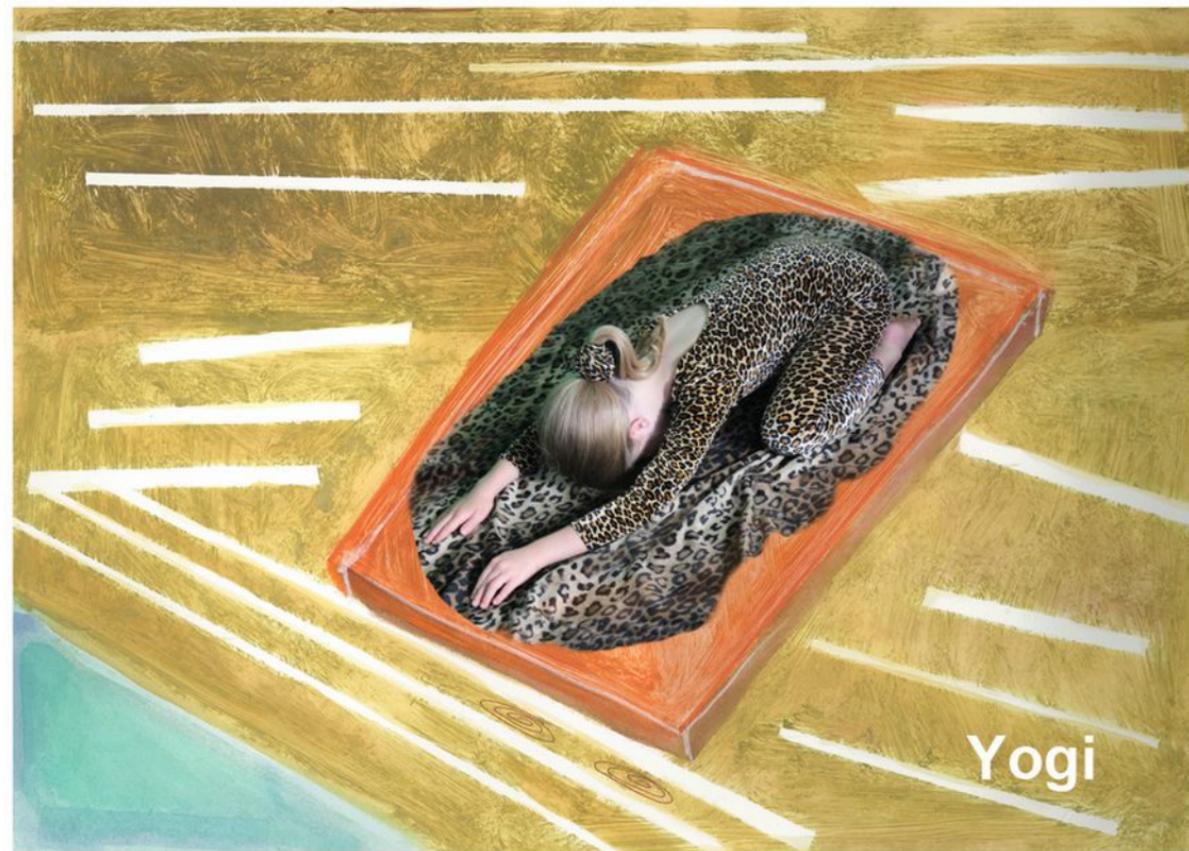
Can you picture a xylophone?



Yogi

Yogis have mastered all the yoga poses. They can do the yo-yo pose, and the yin-yang pose. They can even do yoga while eating yogurt in a yurt.

Can you stand on your head?



Zombie

Zombies belong to such a strange zone, being not quite alive, but not quite dead. They zig-zag and they stagger; they mumble and they sputter. With pizzazz maybe they could learn jazz.

If you were a zombie, would you like a zebra as a best friend?



I learned with the help of the alphabet I can
choose to be anything.
For now, I will just be me.

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