A Misunderstanding

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The forest in the south of the country has been burning for days. The daily newspaper "Morning Sun" is planning a report on the event. The editor-in-chief asks photographer Luke Davis for interesting pictures of the forest fire.

Luke Davis gets behind the wheel of his car and drives south. Soon he can smell the smoke. The air gets murkier and murkier. The smoke lies like a fog on the forests and over the fields. Traffic on the motorway is almost at a standstill. Visibility is poor. Luke Davis cannot take photos under these circumstances. The photographer stops at a rest area. He calls the editorial office of the "Morning Sun" and explains the problem. The editor-in-chief says: "Davis, come back. Then drive straight to the airport. My secretary will organise a plane for you in the meantime. You must take pictures of the forest fire from the air."

Luke Davis turns his car. He drives at great speed to the airfield. There he finds a free parking space. He grabs his suitcase with the photo equipment and hurries across the airfield. The plane is waiting next to the runway. Luke Davis opens the door of the plane and climbs onto the back seat. He shouts, "Hurry up! Take off!"



The young man in the front seat merely says, "OK." He turns the ignition key. After three tries, the propeller finally rotates.



The pilot steers the plane to the end of the runway and turns. Now the engine howls. The plane accelerates, takes off and climbs steeply. Then the young man asks, "Which way?"

"Do you see the smoke on the horizon? There is a huge forest fire there. Fly in that direction. Then fly over the

area first towards the west and then towards the east."

"Why?" the pilot wants to know.

"I want to take pictures. I'm a photographer," says Luke Davis, pointing to his photo equipment. "Photographers like to take photos!"



For a while, all you hear is the sound of the engine. Then the pilot turns around and asks: "Are you saying that you are not the flight instructor?"

What are they doing? What are they engaged in? What is their work?

Writing reports - putting out fires - delivering letters and packages - selling glasses - baking bread - piloting airplanes - taking pictures - planning our houses - taking us home after midnight - fixing engines - studying for exams - looking after peace and order - not doing anything useful - checking our teeth.

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Photographers
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Mechanics
Students

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Postmen
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