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Scientists…what are they?

We have all heard of ‘scientists’ but what actually are they? Use any resources you like to do a bit of research and answer the questions. You don’t even need to fill them in you can find out the information and tell your friends, family and teachers!

1. Define what you think a scientist is, then research for an actual definition.
2. How many types of scientists can you list? How many did you know without asking anyone or looking?
3. What type of scientist do you find most interesting and why?
4. What do scientists look like? Is there a stereotype? Can anyone become a scientist?



Scientists come in all different types from doctors, to nurses, to lab technicians to researchers. They can be male, female and of all ages depending on their qualifications and experiences. They may focus on biology, chemistry, health, psychology, public health (and lots more) doing experiments, observations (and more) to find out about the world.

Take a look at Activity 2-Science in Action to find out about the ‘CHILL’ study, some real-life science with real scientists finding out about how air pollution affects children’s health!