What is tertiary industry?

The service, or tertiary, sector is the biggest area of employment in the UK – and in most other MEDCs – today. It includes an enormous range and variety of types of work. Such a big group of employment types needs subdividing or sorting into separate classifications. Take a look at the jobs on these two pages.

OVER TO YOU

1 Think of about five different groups that you can divide service workers into. Then sort (or classify) the workers on this page into those different groups. For instance, you might have ***health and education*** as one of your groups. Then you might put ***ambulance paramedic*** in that group. Your teacher might give you some cards to sort out, to help you answer this question.

2 Did you have any left over who would not fit into any group? Which workers were they? Can you fit them in by having one more group, or do you need to start all over again with different groups?

3 Compare your groups with other people's groups. Which groups were the same? Which were different? Did you always make the same decisions about which workers went into which group? Were some of your answers *wrong* or were they just *differences of opinion*?

4 Now try to think of one or two more workers (not shown on these pages) who would fit into each of your groups.

5 'The service sector is large and varied. It dominates the employment structure in most developed countries.'

Do you agree with that statement?

Write it out and explain what you think about it.