

JOB OR FAKE — THE DECK

Read titles only, in a shuffled order. Reveal the answer after each vote — and for real jobs, land the wow line. Answers face you, not the class.

Remote operations controller

REAL

Drives 400-tonne haul trucks from an office in Perth — the trucks are over 1,000 km away.

Drone surveyor

REAL

Maps an entire open pit from the sky in a single afternoon.

Shotfirer

REAL

Licensed to design and fire the blasts that break the rock. Yes, it's the real title.

Ore whisperer

FAKE

Invented. Though the exploration geologist comes close.

Environmental scientist

REAL

Checks air, water, noise, land and living things — the five channels are their day job.

Underwater welder

REAL

Repairs offshore structures in the dark, in a dive suit, with fire.

Dust sommelier

FAKE

Invented. Dust gets monitored by machines and scientists — nobody tastes it.

Mine rescue team member

REAL

Many sites train their own volunteer rescue squad — workers with a second, serious job.

Camp chef

REAL

Feeds hundreds of hungry workers a day, every day. One of the most loved people on any site.

Truck psychologist

FAKE

Invented. The trucks are fine. Mostly.

Exploration geologist

REAL

Reads the ground to find the next deposit — the person who starts everything.

Heavy diesel fitter

REAL

Keeps machines the size of houses alive. One of WA's most in-demand trades.

Conveyor belt DJ

FAKE

Invented. The belts hum in one key only.

Iron ore train driver

REAL

WA's ore trains are among the longest trains on Earth — some stretch for kilometres.

Rock polisher

FAKE

Invented — and the sneaky one. Ore ships out raw and dusty. Nobody shines it.

Community relations officer

REAL

The company's link to the town — the person who fronts up when locals have questions.

Blast echo listener

FAKE

Invented — the other sneaky one. Blasts are measured by instruments, not ears.

Mine site paramedic

REAL

Remote sites run their own emergency medical response — a paramedic, sometimes hours from a hospital.