

What Do You Want to Be?

Has anyone ever asked you, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” This is a very common question that adults ask children. You might answer that you want to be an engineer, a soldier, a doctor, a police officer, or maybe even the governor of your state.

It is true that those are all things you could be when you are older. But you can be plenty of things right now. For example, if you perform in a play, you are an actor.

The same goes for other things. If you sail a boat, you are a sailor, no matter how old you are. You may be able to do more on a boat when you get bigger and stronger, but you can still be a sailor now.

If you help a friend learn how to do math problems, you are a teacher. If you write a poem or story, you are a writer. When you buy something in a store, you are a shopper. When you go for a swim, you are a swimmer. If you do an experiment for the school science fair, you are a scientist. If you vote for the student government at your school, you are a voter. True, you will have to be a lot older before you can vote to say who should be President of the United States. But you can be a voter now, too.

So, the next time somebody asks you, “What do you want to be someday?” you can say, “Here is what I already am!”