



Segment 6 (Units 9–12)

What do I do?

Genre: Game show

Viewing Time: 03:56

Background Information

Game shows have been popular since the beginning of television in the late 1940s. The show in this video segment is similar to a game show, popular in the 1950s and 1960s, called *What's My Line?* In addition to guessing the occupations of unknown people, the celebrity panelists were blindfolded and had to guess the occupation of a "Mystery Guest," who was himself a famous person.

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students. The definitions below are taken from the Longman Dictionary of American English (2002).

Absolutely!: *said when you agree completely*
 celebrity: *a famous person, especially someone in the entertainment business*
 columnist: *someone who regularly writes an article for a newspaper or magazine*
 comedian: *a man or woman whose job is to tell jokes and make people laugh*
 count: *to be officially allowed or accepted*

critic: *someone whose job is to judge whether a movie, book, etc. is good or bad*
 darn: *said when you are annoyed*
 misunderstanding: *a failure to understand a question, situation, or instruction*
 panelist: *a member of a panel, especially on a radio or television program*

Answer Key

Previewing (Answers may vary—as long as they are appropriate guesses, accept them for now.)

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| 1. They are game show panelists and contestants. | 3. He seems boring/serious/unenthusiastic. |
| 2. They are on a TV game show. | 4. Answers will vary. |

In-Depth Viewing

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Video Script

Bob: . . . and welcome back to *What Do I Do?* I'm your host, Bob Billings. And just to review—here's how we play the game. Everyone but our celebrity panelists knows what our contestant, Sid Humphreys, does. Our panelists get to ask Sid five questions each, and try to guess what he does. So, here's what we already know about Sid: he works with the public, but he's *not* a salesman. Are you ready to continue, Sid?





Sid: Hm? Oh. Yeah, sure.

Bob: OK, then! Mario Mendez—your new film is *great!* It's your turn!

Mario: Oh, thanks, Bob. Uhhh. Sid, you don't, ah, have a government job, do you?

Sid: Oh, no. But I do vote.

Bob: Julie Green, it's your turn. By the way, you were great on *The Nightly Show* last week!

Julie: Thanks, Bob! Well, Sid, you're a tough one . . . How about the law? Are you involved with the law somehow?

Sid: I was arrested once, but it was a misunderstanding. Does that count?

Bob: No, it does not. Sid is *not* involved with the law— whew! and thank goodness for that. Dan Porter, the newspaper columnist and movie critic—we all loved your last book. Get us back on the right track, Dan.

Dan: Of course, Bob. Sid, do you work with food in any way?

Sid: Hmmm . . . sometimes.

Bob: One moment, please. What do you mean, Sid? You don't work with food!

Sid: Sometimes, people throw it at me.

Bob: Food? People throw food at you? Does that happen a lot?

Sid: Well, more often than I'd like.

Bob: Dan, we'll say no, Sid does *not* work with food. Mario Mendez—back to you.

Mario: Well, Bob, I'm confused. Sid, do people come to you because they want to? Or because they're *forced* to?

Sid: Hey! That's not nice.

Bob: That's a *very* fair question, Sid. Mario, no, people are *not* forced to see Sid. At least not the first time . . .

Sid: Very funny.

Bob: Last question—Julie Green.

Julie: I . . . just don't know. Hmmm. Maybe . . .

Sid: Wait! The game's almost over? Oh, darn! I was having so much fun.

Bob: You are? Really? You're having fun, Sid?

Sid: Oh, sure.

Julie: You sure are funny, Sid. You should be a comedian.

Bob: That's it!

Julie: What's it?

Bob: You got it, Julie! Sid's profession—He's a comedian!

Dan: Really? That's incredible!

Sid: Why is that *so* hard to believe?

Mario, Dan, Julie: Uh . . . Well . . . Oh

Mario: Dude, you're not funny, man . . .

Julie: Just kind of the way you look, I mean you're just so . . .