



Butcher - wholesale

Wholesale butchers work in meat markets or depots, cutting and packaging meat for sale to retail butchers, supermarkets, hotels and restaurants.

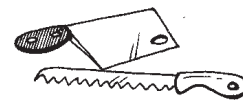


These are some of the things you might work with. Can you think of any others?

What would I be doing in this job?

Can you do any of these things already?

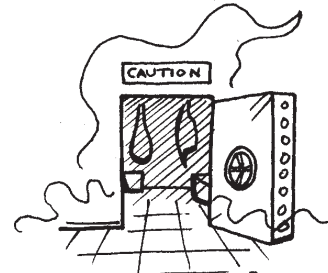
- Cutting up whole animal carcasses using electric saws
- Using sharp knives to cut carcasses into smaller joints and pieces
- Cutting and sometimes chopping through bones in pieces of meat
- Preparing meat cuts like rack of lamb and shoulder of pork
- Using machines to wrap meat in air tight polythene packaging
- Sorting meat into boxes
- Labelling boxes with weights and prices
- Storing meat in giant meat freezers
- Keeping everything clean and germ free when handling and storing meat
- Cleaning machines and work areas
- Checking that freezers are cold enough
- Sometimes keeping records of the type and quantity of meat prepared



knives



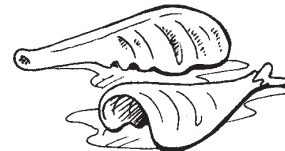
disinfectant



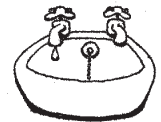
cold store



meat cuts



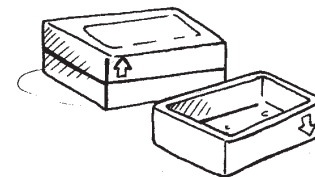
large meat pieces



sink



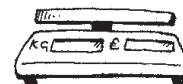
scrubbing brush



packing boxes



checklist



scales



knife & sharpener



bin



mop & bucket



pricing gun

What else do I need to get good at?

Are you good at any of these already?

- Heavy lifting and carrying
- Using sharp knives and cutting tools carefully
- Learning about different animal carcasses and how to cut them
- Being on your feet most of the time
- Following instructions
- Working in cold and messy conditions
- Strictly following health and safety procedures
- Knowing what to do if there is an accident or fire

Where might I work?

Can you think of any of these places locally?

- wholesale meat markets
- meat processing centres or depots
- meat factories

Why would you wear these clothes in this job?



rubber gloves



sensible shoes



apron



hat



overall

When could I work?

How would you feel about working at these times?

- early mornings
- days



Butcher - retail

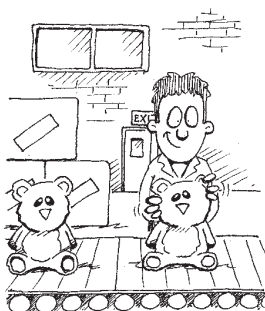
◀ Here are some more jobs that might interest you



Fishmonger

Points to remember

You can apply direct to wholesale butchers for this kind of work or you can sometimes get into it through a Modern Apprenticeship. If you get good at this job you could get an NVQ or SVQ in Meat and Poultry Butchery Operations.



Factory Work Assistant

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