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| **Essential Worker** | **What They Do** | **Where They Work** | **What Tools They Use**  | **What They Wear** |
| Bus Driver | Transport passengers  | Bus terminalBus | Bus Repair equipmentFee collection device  | HatUniformName tag |
| Fire Fighter  | Extinguish firesRescue people  | Fire Stations  | Fire truckHoseLadderTwo-way radioFlashlight  | BootsHelmet Face protectorTurnout coat  |
| Grocery Store Worker | Stock shelvesSell itemsBag purchases | Grocery storesSuper Markets | Cash registerCarts | Store logosName tagsAprons  |
| Mail Delivery Person  | Deliver letters and packages  | Post Office | Mail delivery vehicle Mail bags  | Uniform Shirt with logo  |
| Paramedic | Help sick and injured peopleTransport to hospital  | AmbulanceEmergency roomRescue Squad  | First aid equipmentCommunication device Gurney | UniformName tag Protective covering  |
| Sanitation Engineer  | Removes trash Takes trash to landfill  | Sanitation truckLandfillWaste disposal company  | Garbage truckDumpster  | Protective clothingHard hatGloves  |

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| **Fire Fighter**  |   |  |   |   |
| **Grocery Store Worker** |  |  |  |   |
| **Mail Delivery Person**  |   |  |   |   |
| **Paramedic** |   |   |  |   |
| **Sanitation Engineer**  |   |  |  |   |

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| Delivery Person | Military  | Doctor | Media Workers |
| Bank Teller | U.S. Postal Worker 7,434 Postal Worker Cliparts, Stock Vector and Royalty Free Postal Worker  Illustrations | Hospital Janitor | Nurse |
| Fire Fighter | FarmerC:\Users\JMU Econed\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WNZJDG6C\MC900279252[1].wmf | Sanitation Engineer  | VeterinarianC:\Users\JMU Econed\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\LFARS1E9\MC900282714[1].wmf |

Agricultural Workers

Ambulance Drivers

Bank Tellers

Correctional Workers

Clergy

Dentists

Educators

First Responders

Funeral Home Workers

Grocery Store Workers

Home Health Aides

IT and Communications Workers

Judiciary Workers

Manufacturing Workers

Media Workers

Pharmacy Workers

Plumbers

Power Plant Operators

Public Safety Engineers

Sanitation Engineers

Transit Workers

U.S. Postal Service Workers

Veterinarians and Support Staff

Waste Management Workers

**Alphabetize**: Give pairs of students a set of Essential Workers Cards. Instruct them to shuffle the cards. Tell them that when you say “GO” they are to place the cards in A-B-C order. The pair that is the first to complete the task wins.

**Categories**: Provide small groups of students with a set of theEssential Workers Cards and instruct them to create categories into which to sort the various jobs. Some suggestions might be safest job to the most dangerous job, highest paying job to lowest paying job, job requiring the most education to job requiring the least amount of education. Encourage them to share their sorting categories ideas with the class.

**Poetry:** Allow the students to select one of the Essential Workers Cards. Instruct them to write an acrostic poem using the word on their card. (In an acrostic poem the first letter of a selected word is the beginning of each line of the poem.) They may wish to illustrate their poem.

 Example: Nurse

 **N**ice

 **U**ses health tools

 **R**elieves those in pain

 **S**erves others

 **E**xtends a helping hand

**Ranking**: Students use their knowledge of the weather conditions depicted on the cards to rank them in a specific order. Allow students to compare their selections and discuss their decisions for card ranking. Possible categories include:

* + Most Fierce to Mildest
	+ Least Predicable to Most Predicable
	+ Lightest to Darkest
	+ Most Helpful to the Environment to Least Helpful to the Environment
	+ Oldest to Newest