Position or Duty?

Sort social positions from the behaviors linked to them.

S.4.4 "Distinguish between the terms role, status, and esteem."

NAME _____ DATE _____

STATUS

A status is a social position a person holds. It tells who the person is in a group or setting.

A passenger on a ferry.

ROLE

A role is a behavior expected of someone because of a status. It tells what the person is expected to do.

A gardener is expected to water plants.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle STATUS or ROLE for each item, then choose one item from each category and explain how you knew in Part 2.

1.	The position of school principal	STATUS ROLE
2.	The position of lab technician	STATUS ROLE
3.	A juror is expected to weigh evidence.	STATUS ROLE
4.	The position of elected senator	STATUS ROLE
5.	A firefighter is expected to respond to emergency calls.	STATUS ROLE
6.	A coach is expected to plan team practices.	STATUS ROLE
7.	The position of restaurant manager	STATUS ROLE
8.	The position of museum curator	STATUS ROLE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of a status and one new example of a role. Use positions and duties not named above.

STATUS _____

ROLE _____

CHALLENGE

In three sentences, name a new status, describe a role linked to it, and explain why that role fits the status.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The position of school principal	**STATUS**	Names a position held at a school.
2	The position of lab technician	**STATUS**	Names a position held in a lab.
3	A juror is expected to weigh evidence.	**ROLE**	Describes a behavior expected of a juror.
4	The position of elected senator	**STATUS**	Names a position held in government.
5	A firefighter is expected to respond to emergency calls.	**ROLE**	Describes a behavior expected of a firefighter.
6	A coach is expected to plan team practices.	**ROLE**	Describes a behavior expected of a coach.
7	The position of restaurant manager	**STATUS**	Names a position held at a restaurant.
8	The position of museum curator	**STATUS**	Names a position held at a museum.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **STATUS**: A tenant in an apartment building.
- **ROLE**: A crossing guard is expected to help people cross the street safely.

Challenge: A librarian holds a status in a public library. A librarian is expected to help visitors find books. That role fits the status because helping visitors find information is part of a librarian's work.

For Part 2, a student might explain that item 1 names a position, while item 3 describes an expected behavior. Accept other explanations that correctly distinguish a held position from a behavior linked to it.