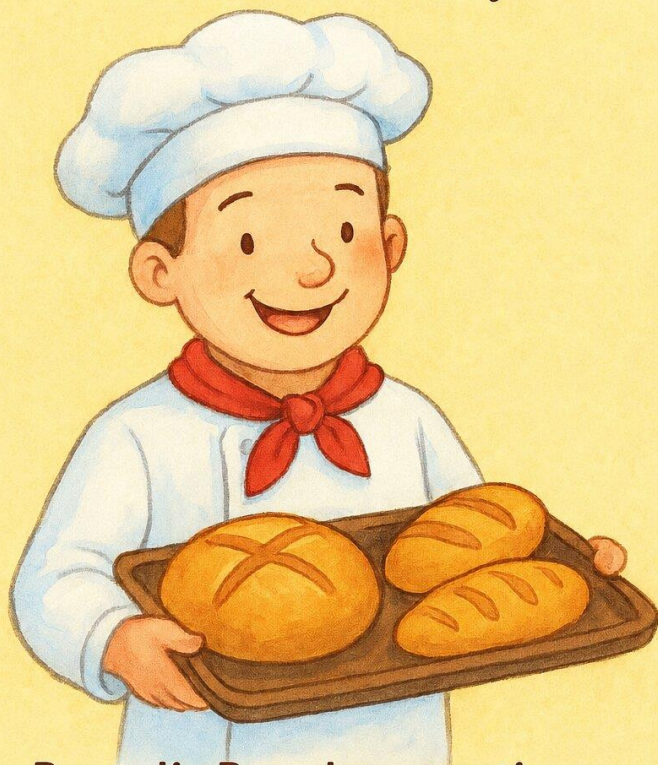


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Prologue

This story is part of a series of children's stories with the main title "Professions". Its purpose is to introduce children to the world of work, combining knowledge with humor and the funny side of life.

In all the stories, the main hero is Charalampos. His friends, Lefteris and Panagiotis, also take part and often change professions according to Charalampos' profession in each story.

I was inspired to create Charalampos and his friends while playing with my grandson Marios.

Each story includes a glossary of unfamiliar words, so that young children can understand the difficult words. The unfamiliar words are marked with an asterisk in the text, and the explanations are given below with an asterisk as well.

Charalampos the Baker

Charalampos has a very important profession. He is a baker.



Every morning, very early, he gets up, gets dressed and leaves for his bakery, which is in a very central part of his town.

At the bakery he has two permanent assistants, his friends Panagiotis and Lefteris. After the financial crisis, they left their old professions, because the crisis affected construction-related jobs first.

Panagiotis sold his excavator to a large company at a fairly good price, and Lefteris kept his tools for small repair jobs that came up from time to time.

Meremeti (*) A Turkish word used in Greek, meaning a small repair to a damaged part.

Charalampos, like all bakers, works in a profession that is not as old as people sometimes think. In the past, there were no bakeries, and people made their own bread by kneading flour, yeast, water and salt and then baking it in a wood-fired oven.

Because lighting the oven, shaping the bread and baking it took a lot of time, the women of the household used to make large quantities of bread that would cover the needs of the family for about a week.

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