

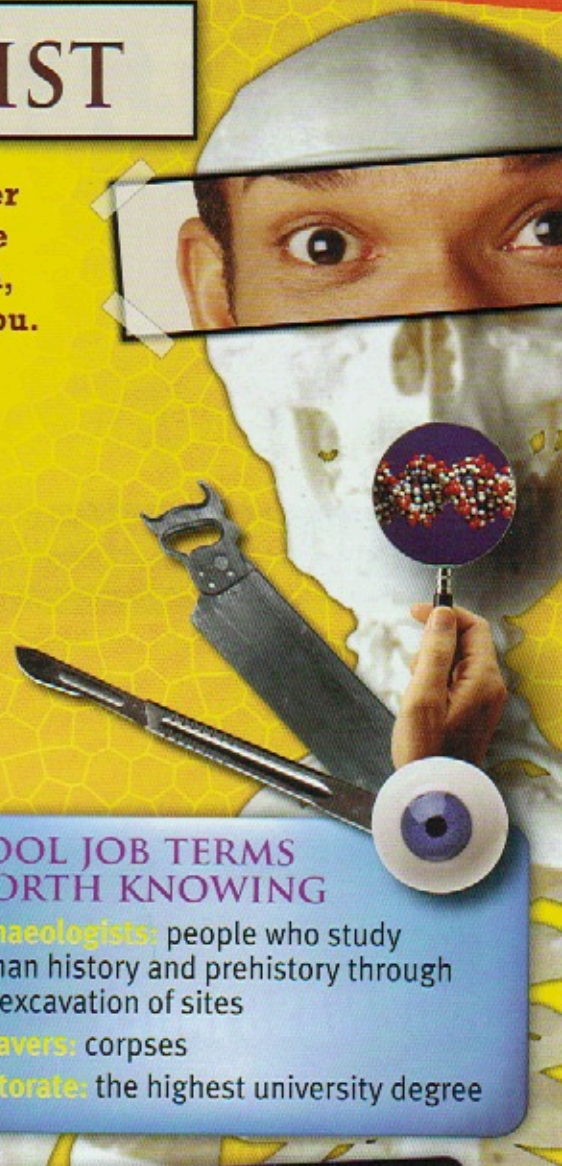
FORENSIC ANATOMIST

Are you good at jigsaws? Do you think you're a super sleuth when you watch crime shows on TV? If you're artistic and have a fascination with the human form, then **FORENSIC ANATOMIST** could be the job for you.

It's the unusual choice that Dr Meiya Sutisno made while studying Science at uni. Dr Meiya began by studying forensic anatomy, which involved defleshing the heads of **cadavers**, and studying the bones and muscles. Sound gory? Not to Dr Meiya, who found it so interesting that she then completed a **Doctorate** in Medicine.

Dr Meiya's job now involves examining human remains in order to reproduce the face and body of unknown deceased persons. She also identifies suspected criminals who are captured on closed-circuit video while committing crimes. The evidence can then be used in court.

Forensic anatomists work primarily with police detectives in criminal investigations. They also work with **archaeologists** on historical projects and excavations of unmarked graves. Each day is different in this job. One of Dr Meiya's recent tasks was to reconstruct the face and body of an unknown man whose remains were found at Katoomba in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales.



COOL JOB TERMS WORTH KNOWING

archaeologists: people who study human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites

cadavers: corpses

Doctorate: the highest university degree

PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN FORENSIC ANATOMY

Here's Dr Meiya's advice if you're interested in her line of work:

'Keep up to date with science news and discoveries; take life-drawing or sculpture classes; read up on how forensic anatomy is used in criminal cases; and be innovative.'



Dr Meiya examines the remains of skull fragments found in the Blue Mountains.

Dr Meiya is running CSI workshops during the school holidays at the University of New South Wales. For information, contact UNSW Global: nclt.admin@nsg.unsw.edu.au