

## ACTIVITY 18.3

### Assessment

For each person, check the appropriate employment classification and use the information to answer the questions below.

Name	Situation	Population			
		Young or Institutionalized	Not in Labor Force	In Labor Force	
				Employed	Unemployed
Bill	Working 15 hours a week at bookstore				
Sharmila	Retired				
Nikhil	Two years old; not working				
Alka	Looked for work this week; found no job				
Neela	Working 40 hours a week as computer consultant				
Mesmin	Laid off; waiting to return to work				
Pat	Staying home taking care of children				
Paul	Working five hours a week as a lifeguard				
Tom	Working 30 hours a week as lawyer				
Harry	Insane, currently in hospital				

**ACTIVITY 18.3 (Continued)**

1. What is the unemployment rate? \_\_\_\_\_%
2. Assume that Alka has given up looking for work (becomes a discouraged worker). Calculate the new unemployment rate: \_\_\_\_\_%. Explain why the rate has changed.
3. Assume that Alka is looking for work (she is no longer discouraged), and Pat starts to look for, but has not yet found, a part-time job. Calculate the new unemployment rate: \_\_\_\_\_%. Explain why the rate has changed.