

# What Is Your Career Type?

## Objectives:

- Students will understand how interests and abilities relate to careers
- Students will evaluate their own interests and abilities

Time: 30 minutes

## Materials:

- Pencils
- Copies of the What Is Your Career Type Worksheet for all students
- Copies of the Career List for all students

## Procedures:

- Have students share what they want their future career to be.
- For students that share their answers, discuss why that is their future career choice.
- Ask "How do you think people choose their job or career?" Discuss how people may choose their job or career for various reasons (interest in the job or career, good at the job or career, parent also had the same job, parent wanted them to do that specific job, amount of money made with the job, close to home, etc.)
- Ask "What makes someone happy with their career choice?" (they like their job, they can do their job well, they like the people they work with, they feel productive in their job)
- Discuss how people are often happier with their career choice when they are interested in their job and can do their job well. Tell students that by starting to notice their own interests and abilities now, it will help them in their future career choice.

## Activity:

- Distribute pencils and copies of the What Is Your Career Type Worksheet to all students.
- Have students complete the worksheet individually.
- For younger students, it might be best to go

through each section out loud as a class and have students mark their individual answers.

- After students complete the worksheet, hand out copies of the Career List to all students.
- Discuss the fact that it is normal to have high scores in some areas and low scores in other areas.
- Have students take a few minutes to look over the Career List. Have them specifically look at the categories in which they had the highest score. Have students look on the Career List for careers they are interested in and see if they fall in one of their high score categories.

## Discussion Questions:

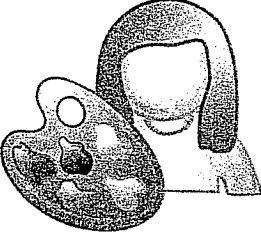
- "What are some ways that careers within the same Career Group are similar?"
- "What are some ways that careers within the same Career Group are different?"
- "Is there a career you are interested in but did not find it on the Career List?"
- Tell students that the careers found on the Career List are not all the careers offered since there are thousands of careers available, but the Career List provides a good summary.
- Tell students with other activities they will be learning more about the different career categories. During all the activities, students should evaluate their own interests and abilities to see if they find any other possible future careers.

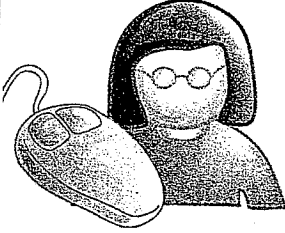
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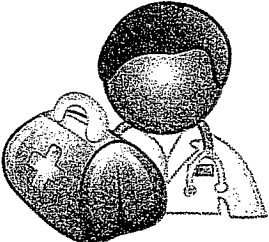
- Have students write about a few of their interests.
- Have students make a word web with their name in the middle, their interests as the next layer, and careers that match those interests as the next layer.

# What Is Your Career Type?

**Directions:** Read all the questions for each section below. Answer each question Yes or No. Be honest with your answers and answer each question as to how it best describes you. Remember that everyone will have different answers. After each section, add up the number of Yes answers for that section, and write that number in the blank for the Total.

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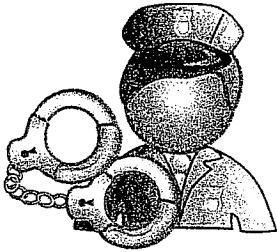
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# What Is Your Career Type?

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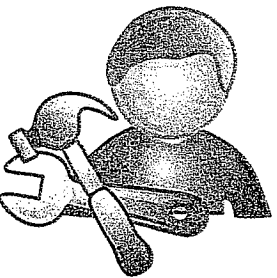


YES NO

- Do you enjoy talking with your peers?
- Do you often give advice to friends who have problems?
- Do you show concern for others when they are feeling sad or lonely?
- Do you enjoy working with a partner or in small groups?
- Do you like to help other people?
- Do you like making new friends?
- Are you exceptionally friendly and caring towards others?

## Section 5

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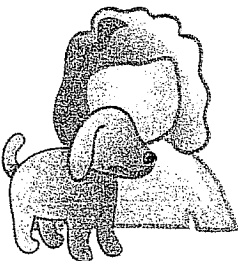


YES NO

- Do you enjoy doing puzzles and mazes?
- Do you often question how things work?
- Do you like to read maps and charts?
- Do you like to build things with your hands?
- Do you understand better with pictures rather than words?
- Do you like to take things apart?
- Do you find machines interesting?

## Section 6

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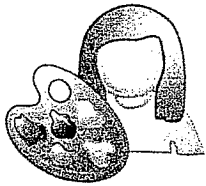


YES NO

- Do you play more than one sport?
- Do you enjoy being outdoors?
- Do you enjoy working with all types of animals?
- Do you enjoy learning about the earth and the environment?
- Do you enjoy learning about plants and how they live and grow?
- Do you enjoy staying active?
- Do you carefully observe all new places you visit?

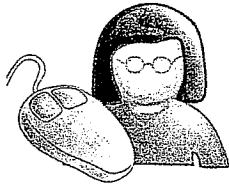
# Career List

## Arts and Communications Careers



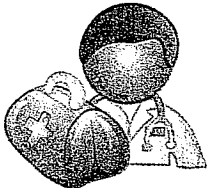
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| Artist             | Author           | Radio Announcer  | Choreographer |
| Musician           | Fashion Designer | Illustrator      | Dancer        |
| Interior Decorator | Make-Up Artist   | Photographer     | Sculptor      |
| Florist            | Journalist       | Chef             | Actor/Actress |
| Editor             | News Reporter    | Costume Designer |               |

## Business, Management, and Technology Careers



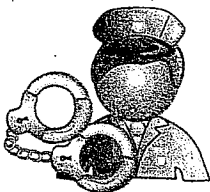
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| Accountant          | Bank Teller       | Salesperson       | Court Reporter |
| Events Planner      | Cashier           | Realtor           | Secretary      |
| Advertising Agent   | Web Page Designer | Software Designer | Postal Worker  |
| Computer Technician | Manager           | Meteorologist     | Letter Carrier |

## Health Careers



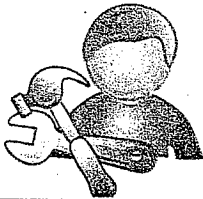
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| Physician (Doctor) | Nurse            | Veterinarian  | Dentist      |
| Personal Trainer   | Audiologist      | Optician      | Nutritionist |
| Pharmacist         | Optometrist      | Pediatrician  | Paramedic    |
| Physical Therapist | Dental Hygienist | Dermatologist | Chiropractor |

## Helping and Service Careers



|                  |             |              |                |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Counselor        | Teacher     | Librarian    | Social Worker  |
| Coach            | Minister    | Investigator | Travel Agent   |
| Waiter/Waitress  | Custodian   | Lawyer       | Police Officer |
| Flight Attendant | Firefighter | Hair Stylist |                |

## Industrial and Engineering Careers



|                     |                   |                |               |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Architect           | Civil Engineer    | Machinist      | Roofer        |
| Carpenter           | Electrician       | Truck Driver   | Land Surveyor |
| Pilot               | Military          | Auto Mechanic  | House Painter |
| Electrical Engineer | Chemical Engineer | Pyrotechnician | Plumber       |

## Natural Resources Careers



|                   |                     |                      |                        |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Pet Groomer       | Paleontologist      | Park Ranger          | Camp Counselor         |
| Referee/Umpire    | Archeologist        | Professional Athlete | Environmental Engineer |
| Marine Biologist  | Landscape Architect | Fisherman            |                        |
| Greenhouse Worker | Zoologist           | Farmer               |                        |
| Game Warden       | Animal Trainer      | Camp Director        |                        |