

OCCUPATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

Now that you've surveyed some of your skills, take a little time to think about what the characteristics of different jobs would mean to you. After each question, write the choice that comes closest to describing the work situation in which you would most like to be.

1. Would you rather work with ideas (like writing), things (like machines), or people?



2. Would you rather work alone or with people?

3. Do you need an occupation in which you can express yourself, or is expressing yourself not important to you?



4. Do you prefer a job where you can wear a uniform or would you rather wear your own clothes: casual or dressy?



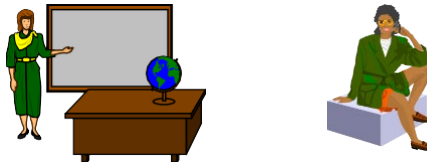
5. Do you want to be responsible for making decisions or would you prefer someone else to make decisions?

6. Do you want to do the same thing every day or would you like to perform different tasks?

7. Do you prefer working in competition with other people or working where there is no competition?

8. Do you want a fast-paced job with pressure or a slow-paced job with little pressure?

9. Do you prefer to work sitting or standing?



10. Do you prefer to work in one place or do you prefer moving around?

11. Would you rather work indoors or outdoors?

12. Do you prefer detailed work that requires concentration and thoroughness or work that is not focused on details?

13. Do you prefer regular hours when most people work or irregular hours (split shifts, nights, weekends)?



14. Would you prefer to work in a quiet place or a place that is noisy with lots of activity?

15. Do you want an occupation where you will always work at the same location or do you prefer to work at different locations?

16. Can you work where there may sometimes be unpleasant sights or smells, or must you have a clean, pleasant place to work?

17. Would you do work that was dangerous or presented a health hazard?



18. Do you want an occupation that requires physical strength and endurance or one that doesn't?

19. Must a job be within easy reach of where you live, or would you move or commute a long distance for it?



20. Do you want to do unskilled work that will require little further education and training, semi-skilled work that requires some additional education and training, or skilled work that will require a longer training period or higher education?

21. Would you rather work for a small organization or a large organization?



22. Do you want an opportunity for advancement or is advancement not that important to you?

23. Do you prefer a job with an end product and immediate results or is this not important to you?

24. Do you want a job where you can make new friends or is developing a social life through your job not important to you?



25. Do you want others to admire and respect you because of your role or is this not important to you?



OR



26. Do you want people to depend on you for a product or service or is being needed by people for the work you do not important?

27. Do you want a job with security or are you willing to take a job that you may be in danger of losing?

28. Do you want a job with adventure and excitement or do you prefer to avoid challenges, risks, and unusual situations?



Of the 28 characteristics you have read on the survey, list the three characteristics that you would most want to be part of your job.

<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>

OCCUPATIONAL INTERESTS

Now that you've surveyed your skills and the occupational characteristics important to you, take a look at the following eight job interest areas. Your skills and occupational preferences may fall into one of several of the areas. Put a check by the areas that relate most closely to your skills.

Artistic Work

You like to create things with your hands using design, colors, and materials. You like music, drama and performing.

Artist
Dress Designer
Cartoonist
Dancer

Photographer
Window Dresser
Hair Stylist
Graphic Artist

Musician
Singer
Furniture Designer
Set Designer

Actor
Movie Camera Operator
Interior Decorator



Clerical Work

You like details, accuracy, working with numbers.

Office Clerk
Bank Teller
Secretary
Cashier

Bookkeeper
Typist
File Clerk
Hotel Clerk

Computer Operator
Ticket Agent
Office Manager
Switchboard Operator

Postal Worker
Office Messenger
Accountant
Stock Clerk



Literary Work

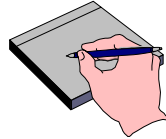
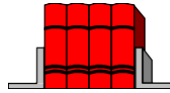
You like to read and write. You're probably good in English. You like to speak and share ideas.

Newspaper Reporter
Teacher

Editor
Proofreader

Screenwriter
Advertising Writer

News Broadcaster



Mechanical Work

You probably like to work with tools and machines. You like to take things apart and put them back together. You are good at fixing things.

Auto Mechanic

Locksmith

Airline Pilot

Plumber

Electrician

Truck driver

Printer

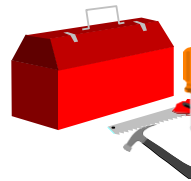
Boat Mechanic

Assembly Line Worker

Telephone Installer

Airplane
Maintenance

Air Conditioning
Installer



Outdoor Work

You like outdoor activities, plants, animals, trees, and sports. You're probably in good physical health.

House Painter

Farmer

Gardener

Forest Ranger

Carpenter

Lifeguard

Bricklayer

Gas Station Attendant

Construction Worker

Fish/Game Warden

Recreation Director

Landscaping



You like to meet people and sell them ideas or products. You're friendly and outgoing.

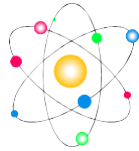
Salesperson	Lawyer	Travel Agent	Politician
Employment Manager	Door-to-Door Sales	TV/Radio Personality	



Scientific Work

You like to solve problems or invent things. Your best subjects are probably math and science.

Doctor	Engineer	Chemist	Dentist
Biologist	Physicist	Drafter	Laboratory Technician
Dietitian	Electronics Engineer	Pharmacist	Space Scientist
Dental Hygienist			



Social Service Work

You enjoy helping others. You enjoy caring for and being with others.

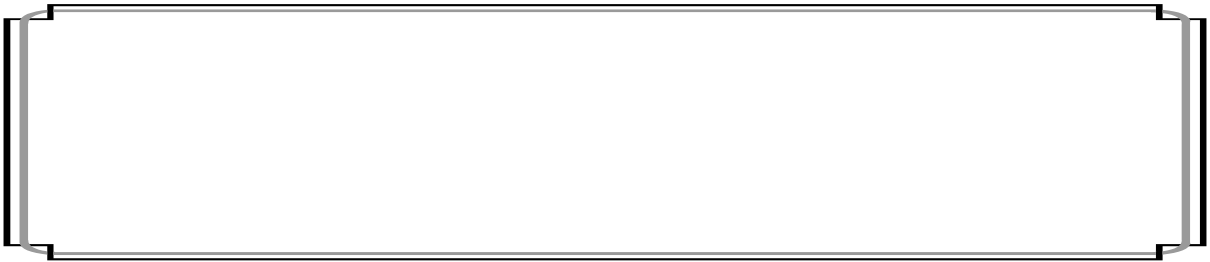
Nurse	Tutor	Social Worker	Religious Leader
Firefighter	Hospital Attendant	Day Care Worker	Physical Therapist
Vocational Counselor	Police Officer		



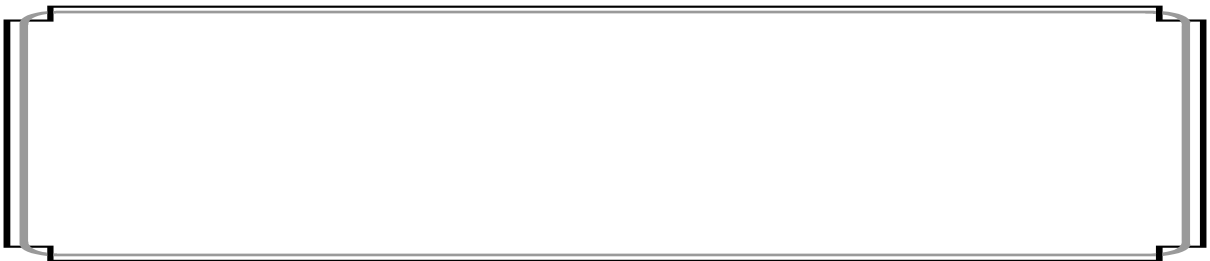
OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCH

Now that you have thought about your skills, talents, some characteristics of different occupations, and some areas of job interest, it's time to do a little research about some jobs that most interest you.

Did you find a career/job opportunity you might be interested in?

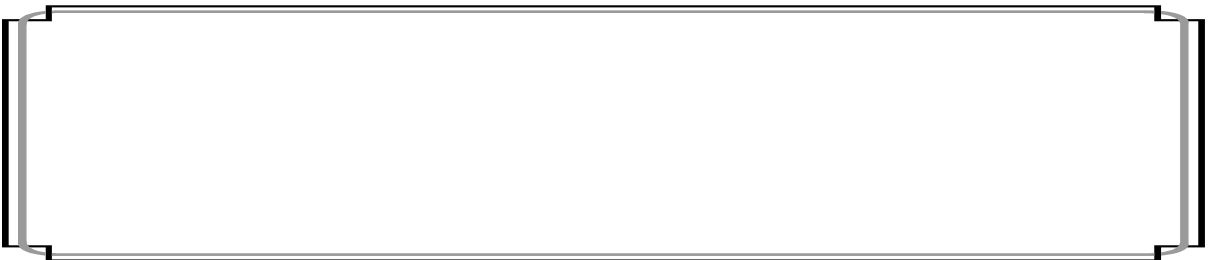


Explain why this career/job appeals to you.



For information on related fields, check with the Department of Training and Education. You might refer back to the Education Section.

Can you think of any entry-level positions which might help you to gain experience in your career choice?



To find about different careers, you can go to the library and use such resources as:

Occupational Outlook Handbook

Published by the U.S. Department of Labor, this book describes more than 250 occupations.

The American Almanac of Jobs and Salaries

This publication by Avon Books lists job descriptions and salaries of many jobs.

Occupational Outlook for College Graduates

Also published by the U.S. Department of Labor, this book describes 120 occupations, especially those most suited to college students and graduates.

When you have an idea of what kinds of jobs/occupations you're interested in, try to find out as much as you can about those jobs. The questionnaire on the next page might help guide your exploration. Try to talk to some people who are working in those fields. Their first-hand information can give you an inside look at the job.