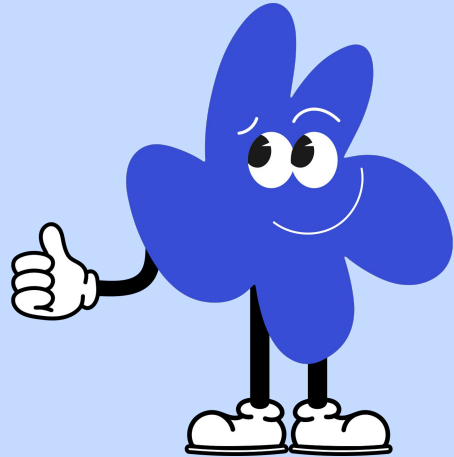


Fifth Grade

Financial Literacy

Lesson 1
Exploring Careers



Career Readiness

By identifying what interests you and how those interests can transform into careers, you can begin to plan for what happens next.

Preparing for a career, whatever that looks like for you, is an key step to establishing a financial foundation.

- **What do you like to do?**
- **What do you like to learn about?**
- **What would you like to get paid to do?**

Unusual Jobs

Almost anything can be a job. Which of the following do you think are jobs and which are not?

- Nail polish color namer
- Video game tester
- Hippotherapist
- Drying paint watcher
- Netflix watcher
- Professional line stander
- Ethical hacker
- Dog food taster
- Sewer inspector
- Kitten cuddler

Activity: Would You Rather

Everyone get out of your chairs and stand in the middle of the room. As we go through the following questions, move to the left or right depending on which thing you would rather be true?

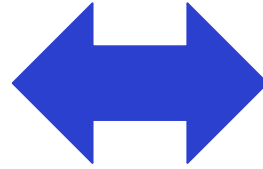


Would You Rather...

Have a job you love or a job that pays lots of money?



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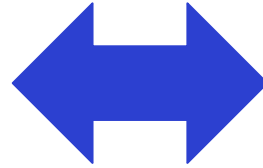
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Would You Rather...

Work alone or be part of a team?



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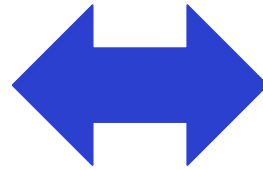
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Would You Rather...

Work with numbers or work with words?



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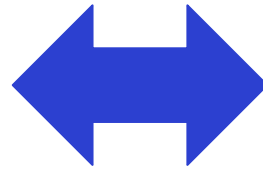
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Would You Rather...

Be physically active or work at a desk?



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Activity: Answer the Survey

Deciding on a career should always start with your interests. When you look at what types of work interest you, more job options might appear.

Let's explore!

Share with the class:

- **What were your three highest areas?**
- **Do you agree with the survey results?**

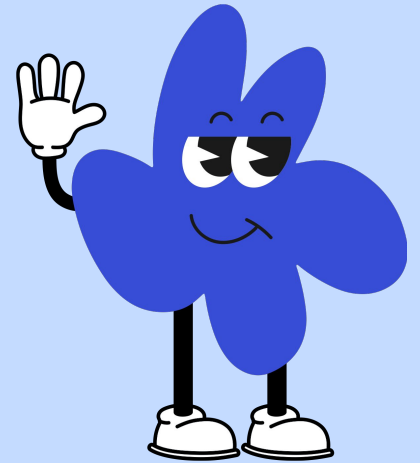
Career Interest Survey

Use this scale to rate each of the following work activities.

- 1-Dislike very much
- 2-Dislike
- 3-Not sure
- 4-Like
- 5-Like very much

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2. Broadcast the news.
3. Inspect buildings to detect fire hazards.
4. Develop programs to control the machining or processing of parts by automatic machines.
5. Plan and oversee the construction of a school.
6. Welcome and seat people in a restaurant.
7. Research an area to see if people there would likely buy a certain product or service.
8. Develop or make changes in computer systems.
9. Read X-rays and ultrasound recordings.
10. Fight fires.
11. Help the elderly with daily living activities.
12. Organize activities like games or crafts for groups of people.
13. Photograph people or nature scenes.
14. Create computer games, videos, or commercials.
15. Estimate damage to cars and trucks.
16. Read meters and record the use of electricity or water.

thanks.



APPENDIX: Resources and Activity Worksheets

Slide 4: Would You Rather

- Instruct all students to stand up and move to the middle of the front of the room. They should pay attention to the slide on the screen, as they will need to move to either the left or right side of the room accordingly.
- For slides 5-6, read the prompt and give the students a chance to move to whatever side of the room they align with most, based on what is shown on each slide.

Slide 6: Answer the Survey

- Print the survey worksheet following this page for each student. They will need to score each item on the list, noting the score in the table on the last page of the worksheet.
- Once complete, they will need to add up their score for each column in the table. This will show them what type of work they are most keen on, based on their responses. It might be a mix for some students, and that's OK. There is no right answer.
- Discuss how students felt about their results as a class or in small groups, following the prompts on slide 9.

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17. Manage a farm or ranch for someone else.
18. Help a customer shop for clothes.
19. Treat animal diseases.
20. Solve problems by applying math formulas.
21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck.
22. Keep a building clean.
23. Help individuals deal with mental health problems.
24. Teach in elementary, middle, or high school students.
25. Design products such as cars, home appliances, or toys.
26. Teach art, drama, or music at a college.
27. Design, create, and make changes to websites.
28. Compute and record numbers.
29. Coordinate the activities of workers in a bank.
30. Create and promote a public image for a company using social media.
31. Conduct experiments with chemicals.
32. Perform medical laboratory tests.
33. Trim trees.
34. Care for animals in a kennel.
35. Clean people's teeth.
36. Help patients feed or dress.
37. Create handmade objects to sell.
38. Style hair or makeup for other people.
39. Sort mail for delivery.
40. Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses.

41. Plan and coordinate activities for big events such as conventions.
42. Be responsible for directing the operation of a hotel.
43. Study the needs of communities for housing and schools.
44. Plan nutritious meals for individuals with health concerns.
45. Paint the inside of a house.
46. Service aircraft engines.
47. Lead worship services.
48. Help a patient relearn to walk.
49. Play a musical instrument.
50. Arrange flowers.
51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials.
52. Prepare and file correspondence.
53. Buy merchandise or materials for resale.
54. Defend someone in a trial.
55. Diagnose and treat illnesses.
56. Treat dental problems.
57. Plan programs to help patients regain daily living skills after being injured and/or sick.
58. Interview people for bank loans.
59. Repair and open locks.
60. Operate a combine.
61. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational-technical school.
62. Perform in a play.

63. Write a novel.
64. Perform secretarial duties using medical knowledge of hospitals, clinics, or laboratories.
65. Register and assign rooms to motel guests.
66. Set policies and provide the overall direction of a company.
67. Arrange and direct all activities related to funerals.
68. Research problems related to farm crops or animals.
69. Conduct research to improve human health.
70. Repair stereo systems or install home theatre equipment.
71. Assemble or rebuild machines.
72. Lead other people doing exercises.
73. Serve food to other people.
74. Create a new dance routine to be performed for an audience.
75. Decorate the interior of an office building or home.
76. Assist lawyers by investigating facts and preparing legal documents.
77. Dispatch work crews to work sites.
78. Investigate crimes or people.
79. Supervise people who prepare and serve food.
80. Treat eye diseases and injuries.
81. Study society and human behavior.
82. Operate power saws and other equipment to make wooden objects.
83. Lay pipe for a water main.
84. Care for other people's children.

85. Help people choose a career path.
86. Teach people to dance.
87. Be a reporter for a news organization.
88. Handle money in a bank.
89. Administer the activities of a hospital.
90. Help passengers on a flight.
91. Design and test electrical equipment.
92. Study the weather.
93. Enforce laws.
94. Perform routine maintenance on machines.
95. Take tickets at a movie theatre.
96. Help clients get available benefits and services.
97. Design a set for a play.
98. Model clothes and accessories at a fashion show.
99. Process and maintain medical records of patients.
100. Help a pharmacist prepare medications.
101. Help people buy or sell a house.
102. Advise others on financial issues such as investing money and paying taxes.
103. Develop computer applications or programs.
104. Study the physical aspects of the earth.
105. Pilot a passenger airplane.
106. Trim, cut, or prepare meat for customers.
107. Find foster homes for abused or neglected children.
108. Give nursing care to ill or injured patients.

Score Your Responses

In the final row add up the scores in each column.

Artistic	Conventional	Enterprising	Investigative	Realistic	Social
1	3	5	7	9	11
2	4	6	8	10	12
13	15	17	19	21	23
14	16	18	20	22	24
25	27	29	31	33	35
26	28	30	32	34	36
37	39	41	43	45	47
38	40	42	44	46	48
49	51	53	55	57	59
50	52	54	56	58	60
61	63	65	67	69	71
62	64	66	68	70	72
73	75	77	79	81	83
74	76	78	80	82	84
85	87	89	91	93	95
86	88	90	92	94	96
97	99	101	103	105	107
98	100	102	104	106	108

Highest Score _____

Second Highest Score _____

Third Highest Score _____

These six interest groups listed are the same groups used in the South Dakota Interest Survey. [Click here](#) to read more about what careers each of these groups offer