

Chapter 1 – Self Assessment

I-Study

You should consider your interests and skills when planning your career. A job is work that people do for pay, an occupation is the type of work you do, and a career is a series of related jobs built on a person's interests, knowledge, training, and experience. Your lifestyle is the way you use your time, energy, and resources. Your work affects your lifestyle. Some important reasons people work are to earn money, to fulfill wants and needs, to be around other people, to contribute to society, and for self-fulfillment.

The global economy refers to the ways in which the world's economies are linked. It affects what kinds of jobs will be available. You will need basic skills, thinking skills, personal qualities, and adaptability to meet the demands of the global job market. Other workplace trends include the use of technology, diversity, the use of teams, outsourcing, and telecommuting. In the United States, most of the new jobs predicted for the near future will be in the service-producing industries. When looking for careers, you need to be aware of economic, technological, and workplace trends, job outlook, and personal job satisfaction.

I-Quiz

1. What are transferable skills?
A. the things you like to do
B. task-specific skills
C. skills that you can use in many different situations
D. any useful activity

2. What is the term for the type of work you do?
A. volunteering
B. lifelong learning
C. your skills
D. your occupation

3. According to the text, which of the following is a workplace trend?
A. decreased outsourcing
B. decreased attention to diversity
C. increased use of manual labor
D. increased technology use

Answer Key

1. C
2. D
3. D