

Considering Careers

Directions: Match each description in the left-hand column with the correct term from the right-hand column. Write the letter of the term in the space provided. Then follow the directions in “Not Too Early.”

Descriptions

- _____ 1. Informal teachers or guides
- _____ 2. Services and products received for little or no cost as part of a job
- _____ 3. Using personal connections to achieve goals
- _____ 4. A series of related jobs in a particular field over a lifetime
- _____ 5. Following a worker on the job for a few days
- _____ 6. Someone who sets up and operates a business
- _____ 7. Natural tendencies that make it easy for people to learn certain skills
- _____ 8. Keeping skills and knowledge up-to-date throughout life
- _____ 9. Grouping of occupations with common characteristics

Terms

- A. lifelong learning
- B. partnership
- C. fringe benefits
- D. work
- E. job shadowing
- F. mentors
- G. career cluster
- H. wage earner
- I. career
- J. aptitudes
- K. hobbies
- L. priorities
- M. networking
- N. entrepreneur

Not Too Early

Ramon has no idea what he wants to do when he graduates from high school in a few years. He figures he'll have plenty of time to decide later. On separate paper, write your thoughts about Ramon's attitude. What would you suggest to him?

Career Magic

Directions: In each lettered square of the puzzle, write the number of the term that best fits the description having that letter. If your answers are correct, the total of the numbers will be the same across, down, and diagonally. This total is the Magic Number. Write the Magic Number in the space provided.

A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I

Descriptions

- A. Things that are easy for you are called ?.
- B. Working conditions refer to the ? of a job.
- C. ? share knowledge and can help new employees adjust.
- D. ? skills can be used in a variety of job situations.
- E. A(n) ? is owned and controlled by one person.
- F. ? provide opportunities to do work, generally without pay.
- G. One of the best ways to find a job is by ?.
- H. ? contacts are often the best source of information about job openings.
- I. Future opportunities in an occupation are referred to as job ?.

Terms

- 1. Hobbies
- 2. Work
- 3. Environment
- 4. Outlook
- 5. Transferable
- 6. Networking
- 7. Sole proprietorship
- 8. Mentors
- 9. Internships
- 10. Skills
- 11. Word-of-mouth
- 12. Corporations
- 13. Sector
- 14. Future

The Magic Number is _____.

Career Resources

Directions: The individuals below are in different stages of career exploration. Read each situation and list two or more resources from the chart that could help each person find out more information. Then follow the directions in *The Next Step*.

Job shadowing	Classes or Training	Paid Employment
Mentors	Networking	School/Employment Counselor
Internship	Volunteering	Career Research

- Olivia has been working as a child care worker for the past year. Although she enjoys the children, the job does not pay as much as she would like. Olivia wonders whether she should look for something else. She does not have any formal training in another field.

- Tonya often picks up her mother at the nursing home where she works. Sometimes while she waits for her mother to finish up, Tonya interacts with some of the patients. She realizes that she really enjoys older adults and is thinking that this might be a good career for her, too.

- Jason thinks he might want an occupation as a welder. He is not sure what kind of classes he should take when he goes to high school next year.

- Gillian spends a lot of time working in her family's restaurant, and the family would like her to stay with the business when she graduates. However, Gillian also enjoys fashion, and she thinks she would rather pursue a career in design.

- Ricardo is interested in journalism, and his father knows someone who works at the local newspaper.

- Tomas is good at handling details and communicating with others. He has no idea what type of career he wants.

The Next Step

Choose one of the people above. On separate paper, write down three specific steps you would recommend to that person for finding a suitable career.